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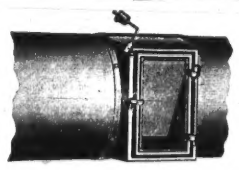
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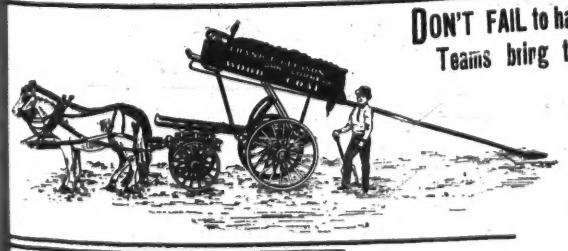
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LOCAL NEWS.

If you see it in the Townsman, it's news to be relied upon; if it is news and so, you'll see it in the Townsman.

F. E. Gleason is selling mill kindlings at $1.00 per load.

Charles F. Cook spent Christmas at Canobie Lake.

There was a delightful family gathering at H. H. Tyer's on Christmas day.

Andover lodge, 230, I. O. O. F., will hold the installation of officers next Monday evening.

Chin Wing, one of Andover's laundrymen, sailed for China, Sunday for a four months' trip.

The regular monthly meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E., of the Baptist church was held Wednesday evening.

Miss Leone Remington is spending a portion of her vacation with friends in Brookline and relatives in Dorchester.

John A. Daly of Villanova college, son of groceryman P. J. Daly, is spending the Christmas vacation at his home in town.

Mrs. S. J. Bucklin visited Andover last week and renewed old acquaintances. She is now located at Hyde Park.

James C. Graham, instructor in chemistry at Phillips Academy, is now well on the road to recovery after a very serious illness.

Miss May and Miss Emma Lord have been spending the week at the residence of their uncle, assistant postmaster George T. Abbott, on Elm street.

A. E. Stearns, athletic director and instructor at Phillips Academy is spending a portion of his vacation in Amherst and will later go on a bear hunt in Maine.

A meeting of the Foreign Departments of the Ladies' Benevolent society of the Free church will be held at the home of Mrs. J. Newton Cole, Chestnut street, this evening.

A family party of nineteen were together at the residence of Richard J. Dodson, on High street, Christmas day. During the evening songs, games and dancing made the hours speed away.

The regular meeting night of Red Spring lodge, No. 258, I. O. G. T., will be held hereafter on Thursday evenings instead of Mondays. The first meeting since the change will be on the fourth of January.

Miss Lillian Prescott formerly of Andover, but now a high school scholar at Malden, was in town over Christmas visiting her sister Miss Annie Prescott. Miss Lillian went from Andover to Exeter, where she is to spend a few days.

Owing to the very stormy weather there were only a very few people who heard the Christmas carols which were sung at a quarter before seven by the Christ church choir boys from the church tower Sunday night, but those who did hear the music were much pleased with the result.

The next annual reunion of the Punchard Alumni Association will be held Friday evening, January 26th 1900, at the Punchard school building. It is earnestly desired that all past members of the school not yet members of the association will be present, and avail themselves of this opportunity of joining.

Miss A. S. Patterson, teacher of drawing and painting at Abbot academy, will have an exhibition of portraits during the first week in January at Williams & Everett's, 100 Boylston street, Boston. The Abbot academy portrait of Warren F. Draper will be included in this exposition.

Miss Ewart, who has been giving the course in cooking at Christ church, will give the first lecture in a course of six, Monday, Jan. 1st., at 2.30 o'clock, at the Lawrence Gas company's office, Essex street, Lawrence, repeating the lecture in the evening at 7.45. Members of the evening class will please ring the watchman's bell. The first four demonstrations will comprise, meat, convalescent dishes, fish dishes and warmed over dishes.

The annual meeting of the Andover union of the Y. P. S. C. E., will be held at the Old South church tonight. The exercises will begin at 7.45 o'clock with a praise service, followed at 8 by welcome. Then will come the roll call with response by the different societies of the union. Business will be next in order. After a song two minute reports from societies in the union will be given on "What Edeavorers are doing for the churches. What more can they do?" (a) "for the prayer meeting," will be discussed by Daniel H. Poor; (b) "for the missions," by Miss Ella Holt; (c) "through the Lookout committee," by Arthur Bassett; (d) "for the evangelistic life of the church," by Rev. F. R. Shipman. Singing will be followed by addresses on "How Can Endeavorers Promote Religion in the Home. The Quiet Hour. Family Worship." The banner will next be presented and after another song and the benediction, a social time will be held.

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A New Year's greeting to you.

Miss Buss of Medford, is visiting her uncle, H. H. Tyer.

Arthur Jackson spent Sunday and Monday in New Bedford.

David S. Lindsay and family spent Monday in Haverhill.

Edwin R. Eastman and family spent last Monday in Boston.

Mrs. I. Gillespie of Lowell, visited friends in Andover, Christmas.

Skating was enjoyed at Rabbits' pond this week commencing Wednesday.

Miss Alice Dennison of Melrose Highlands, visited friends in town this week.

Punchard, Abbot and Phillips academies will reopen next Thursday, January 4.

Congressman Knox has interested himself and Reading is to have free mail delivery.

J. A., and T. A. Remington of Boston spent Sunday with Mrs. Darius Richardson on Chestnut street.

John B. Richards of the Lawrence Scientific school, Cambridge, is at home for the holidays.

George Stephenson, pitcher on the P. A. '98 ball nine will probably re-enter the academy next term.

Charles Donovan of Boston, spent Christmas with his father, Charles A. Donovan in the Holt district.

Miss Mary Sullivan of Cambridge, has been visiting her uncle, C. A. Sullivan, on North Main street.

Ira B. Hill, proprietor of the Mansion House Stables, is now away on a busiiss trip to Providence, R. I.

Walter E. Dennison, of Harvard college, formerly of Andover, is spending a few days with William J. Burns.

Melvin P. Burnham, of the Harvard Medical School, was unable to come home until Christmas on account of sickness.

A regular meeting of the King's Daughters will be held in the South church vestry, Thursday evening, Jan. 4, at 7.30 o'clock.

The quarterly meeting of the Andover Home for aged people is called for Tuesday, January 2, 1900, at 7 p. m., at 4 Morton street.

Even in Andover, the sight of a yoke of oxen is not now as common as it was a few years ago, but a handsome pair were seen standing in front of the Andover Press office yesterday morning.

A few days ago, a forest monarch, one of the oldest trees in the country, was cut down on the land of Dennis Bachelder, North Reading. The tree was 147 feet high, 7 feet in diameter at the butt and, by the rings, was judged to be in the neighborhood of 300 years old.

On Sunday morning, a colored glass window, which Professor Taylor has given as a memorial of his father, will be unveiled in the South church. Dr. John L. Taylor was pastor of the church from 1839 to 1852. After that, he was treasurer and then a professor of the Seminary till his death in 1883. He was active in the early days of the Punchard school, and for some years president of the Andover Bank.

The observance of Hogmanay will be held at the Burns club to-morrow evening, for which a small admission fee will be charged. An entertainment consisting of selections on H. F. Chase's phonograph, songs by the Raymond Male Quartette and solos by individual members, and reading by John Saunders will constitute an interesting program. The attendance will probably be large.

The following talent has been secured for the Taylor benefit concert to be held in the Town hall, Monday evening, Jan. 8: Miss Helen Churchill, soprano, Sara Lord Bailey, dramatic reader, Miss Robert shaw, vocalist, Prof. Vincenzo Capezzo, baritone, and David Farr, flute soloist, Miss Peaslee and Miss Kennedy, banjo duetists, the Adolph Sax Instrumental Quartette of Boston, and other talent. The accompanists will be John R. Hulme and Miss Bertha Sharrock.

The following college students are spending their vacations at their Andover homes: Fred Dodson, John Findley, Fred Whitney, Phillips Bancroft, from Yale; Eric Palmer, Marlborough Churchill, Philip Thomson, Robert McCurdy, Austin Richards, Stanley Pease, Nat. Pride, William J. Butterfield, Melvin P. Burnham, Edward Carter, Duke Smith, Harry Burtt, Harry Holt, Joseph W. Smith, Melville Smith, Ballardvale, from Harvard; Philip Ripley and Frank Hill, Mass. Inst. Technology; Timothy J. Cullinane, Villanova; Hamilton Merrill, Amherst; Leon G. Saunders, Colby; Peter Smith and Frank S. Mills, Cornell; Ralph Baldwin, Arthur Roberts, Dartmouth; Gordon Shattuck, Ballardvale, Harvard; Misses Annie Hincks, Cornelia Gould, Smith college; Helen Jackson, Miriam Carpenter, Helen Bodwell, Margaret Whittemore, Alice Bell, Mt. Holyoke: Mary Marland, Edith Poor, Grace Burtt, Wellesley; Susie Smith, Rye Seminary.

The golfers are still golfing.

Miss Jennie Reardon spent Christmas at Canobie Lake.

Miss Delia Mullin visited friends in Lynn the first of this week.

The Andover Football team has had its picture taken by Hitchcock.

Frank Abbott has severed his connection with the Andover Public Market.

Leon G. Saunders will resume his studies at Colby college next Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Russell and Miss Nellie Russell spent Monday in Reading.

On Sunday next the choir of Christ church will repeat the Christmas music.

Miss Susie F. Whiting of Haverhill, spent Christmas with Miss Florence Burtt.

Several of the buildings connected with Marland mills have recently been shingled.

After January first, Sunday papers brought to your door will cost you one cent extra.

Thomas Burns spent Christmas with his mother and brothers at their home on Summer street.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. P. Tuttle spent Saturday, Sunday and Monday with relatives in Merrimac.

Miss Madeleine Hewes, of Smith college, is spending her vacation at the home of her uncle, S. H. Bailey.

Bancroft T. Haynes, of Ballardvale, has been drawn as grand juryman for the term of 1900, starting January 8.

Thomas Lunan, a student at Mass. Inst. of Technology, returned to Boston Thursday after a several days' visit with friends.

Miss Nellie F. daughter of John H. Flint will spend the winter in Southern California, with Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Clapp of Wakefield.

The new barn on the Phillips Academy property, Chapel avenue, replacing the one destroyed by fire last summer, is nearing completion.

Rev. F. A. Wilson will preach at the afternoon service, commencing at three o'clock at the Frye Village hall sunday afternoon. Two choruses from "Daniel" will be rendered by the Free church choir.

Miss Maria S. Merrill, French teacher at Abbot academy, has been granted a year's leave of absence which she will spend abroad, starting from here the first of January.

Eighteen minutes from the Dewey theatre, Lawrence, to a residence not far from the square was the record one young man made Wednesday night and it was not on a bicycle either. After all, it was a hoax that induced this prodigious rate of speed.

Miss Rena, Miss Agnes and Walter Esterbrook of Cambridge, Miss Margaret and Miss Louise Long of Grand Rapids, Mich., John and Fred Haskell of Wakefield, the latter, captain of the Dartmouth track team and formerly of P. A., are spending a few days at the residence of William Marland, School street.

Advertised Letters.

Unclaimed letters Dec. 25, 1899.

Blatchford, Miss M. E.	Hill, C. S.
Bough, Mrs. George	Marshall, Miss M. H. A.
Bouiori, Alex	McMullen, William
Buxton, Miss Margaret	McClellan, John
Charming, E. P.	Moore, Mrs. O. F.
Edmunds, E. S.	Pacheco, Antonio L.
Fiske, H. G.	Refer, Perry
Foren, James	Ronan, Patrick
Fowler, E. R.	Stewart, Andrew (2)
Gardner, J.	Thacher, Thomas D.
Woodward, J. F.	

ARTHUR BLISS, P. M.

Weather Record.

Temperature taken in the morning between 5 and 7 o'clock and at noon between 12 and 1 o'clock.

1898	Morn.	Noon.	1899	Morn.	Noon.
Dec. 22	24	44	Dec. 22	36	47
" 23	36	46	" 23	36	45
" 24	36	42	" 24	30	40
" 25	25	36	" 25	28	40
" 26	14	32	" 26	18	22
" 27	12	36	" 27	14	28
" 28	22	19	" 28	10	24

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Editor (Podunk Herald)—Heard anything from the war correspondent we hired at five a week to represent us in the Transvaal?

Foreman—Yes; here's his dispatch about the last battle—There was a perfect hail of bullets, some of which were as big as hen's eggs!—Puck.

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HISTORICAL ANDOVER.

No. 97.

Andover Grays.

[8]Robert Gray married Miriam Lovejoy, daughter of Christopher Lovejoy and Sara Russe, while [7]Edward Gray married Sarah Osgood, daughter of Christopher Osgood and Hannah Barker, and singularly enough we find no Christopher Gray in either line.

The line of old John Russe, the ancient ferryman of Dover, as it developed in Andover along the special line of Sarah Lovejoy's children, abounds in material for romance and tragedy. Uncommon events seem to hunt around for these people to the present date. Tradition adds a dash of Indian to the Russe blood, just enough to give a silent brooding over wrong that quite often however goes with a keen sense of the humorous and enables the average Yankee Gray to rise above life's setbacks and laugh at what must be endured.

Miriam Gray's youngest child David was born Oct. 1717, her husband died the next March, and in June following she had married Richard Nutting, who does not figure in any capacity as guardian later, and Miriam appears to have been very early a widow for the second time with William Lovejoy and Nehemiah Abbott to assist her in training her sons to trades. [8]Robert, the eldest, became a tailor, with his comrade Nicholas Holt, the neighbor's son, and at maturity he bought most of the estate from his brothers and the only sister Miriam, who married Ben Fitch of Bedford. [8]Isaac was a cooper like the Wardwells who married his cousins, and married the widow of Daniel Blanchard, a Rebecca unknown, from Woburn, and his daughter Ann, born in Tewksbury, was the mother of most of the children of Isaac Foster, the veteran of the French War and son of Capt. John Foster of Andover. The line is still resident there—[8]Abiel was a joiner and moved to Tolland, Conn. with his brother Jonathan, who became a tailor. Just where David, the small infant of 1717 grew up, I cannot well determine. It is evident that he was on the family estate somewhere and that Miriam Nutting lived to be 84 and held a dower right in the estate till 1770, outliving her son David by 3 years. [8]David learned the weaver's trade and likely lived at home with [8]Robert and his wife, Lydia Peabody. The eldest son of [8]Robert, a [8]Robert born here in 1729, was only 12 years older than David, and was a life long resident in Andover, but not upon the old homestead apparently. The evidence is in favor of the George Harnden site for the oldest Gray homestead where Robert and David lived together after the others gave up claims. When David was 22 in 1739, [8]Robert deeds to Dea. Cornelius Thayer of Boston, leather dresser, 50 acres on the road from Ben Holt's to Henry Holt's—the usual road to Salem in bounds—joins Henry Gray—the dwelling house—cornmill and privileges, formerly estate of my father, Robert Gray, deceased—and some additional land—Lydia marks and Dudley Bradstreet and James Peabody witness. Perhaps the brothers wanted to raise money for speculation as they receive 640£ for the estate, which continues to be taxed to them and Thayer's name never enters the lists. In 1743, Robert parts with an 11 acre meadow for 120£. In 1747, Lydia, the executor of the Thayer estate of Boston, sells the 50 acre homestead to Nicholas Holt, junior, the tailor associate of [8]Robert, for 640£. That same year, Robert sold the Falls Woods meadow to Jonathan Wilkins for 360£ and it looks as if he had sold out to redeem the homestead. Grandmother Miriam must have held on to her home somewhere and possibly there was an older house on the land in which she resided with David who does not marry till 1756 at the age of 39. When Nicholas Holt in 1755, starts for Blue Hill, Me., he sells to [8]David Gray, 34 acres for 297£, with the house and buildings thereon, all surrounded by Holt farms. The estate that Robert parted with is perhaps now back in the hands of his brother David and the old mother Miriam. The cornmill called "my Gray's mill" had been sold by Nicholas Holt to Aaron Gray in 1747.

[8]Robert Gray born 1729 is here in 1750 when he joins the South church, and he married Mary Tucker of Wilmington in 1754. She appears to have been succeeded in 1758, by the widow of Abijah Chandler, a French war veteran, Abigail Tay of Woburn—and she was mother of the only son and heir, [8]Robert Gray, who graduated at Harvard in 1786, after parting with a good lot of his ancestral acres to defray expenses. Some of the land is described as lying near Asa Abbotts', and in 1783, old Robert and Abigail sell the homestead, near Samuel Cogswells, for 300£ to Benjamin Goldsmith, and the family seem to disappear. Rev. Robert Gray was settled in Dover, N. H., at one time. Whether his father outlived him and was sent back to Andover in old age or whether he resided here all the long years is not plain, but the melancholy sequel to all this sacrifice of homestead land is given on the town records by the death in the almshouse in 1806 at 78, of old father Robert Gray, apparently the last of his name to be born in Andover. No trace of his brothers, [8]Moses and [8]Cornelius, have yet been found and possibly they followed their sister over the Reading line, Lydia marrying John Batchelder of that town.

Henry and Alice Gray who hold the estate [8]David lived upon, think that the old house stood very near the site of the present residence, and possibly there were two homes upon the property, one belonging to [8]Robert and one to [8]David in 1755. David married Rebecca Holt, daughter of Samuel Holt and Jemima Gray, and a woman of marked executive ability, common to both lines and when the father [8]David, laid down the heavy burden of life in 1767, Rebecca took it up alone and lived a widow to the end. She called on nephew [8]Robert to assist her. The estate of 432£, the notes held against the Conn. brothers, "which looks to be desperate," the large annuity paid to mother Miriam show where David's hard won pennies had gone.

Rebecca has to sell 4 1-2 acres to pay expenses, some unnamed persons (borrowers perhaps) come forward to pay bills, Ben Holt buys the always famous ciner mill and she manages to bring along two of the three children. Cornelius, who died at 17 does not appear, save in a Bible perhaps, printed in 1745 owned by his sister Sarah in 1775, and called the property of Cornelius Gray. Sarah married a Shattuck, and David so long known to the residents just passing off the stage, as old David Gray of their boyhood, died in 1844. He married Sara Cummings, daughter of neighbor Jonathan, their only daughter marrying Wm. Eaton of Reading. The second wife Rebecca, daughter of Samuel Jenkins of a vigorous line from Wilmington, put new life in the Gray homestead. The three sons who grew up there were strangely unlike, though noted for uprightness of purpose. [8]David inherited the misfortunes of the line, one of which was a temper full of corners, like his father's—and this did not prevent him from being a most lovable parent, and his shoemaker's shop was haunted by the boys of my day. His quaint verse of advertisement, his loyalty to the slave that led him to join the Free church and administer a rebuke in public to ex-Pres. Pierce, when resident here, and many other good things that we still love to talk over, we should have lost if the Boston & Lowell R. R. had not poked along through his West Parish farm cutting the barn from the house, which had to be connected by a bridge. He had married 3 times, Emily Abbott, Sarah Peters and Maria Bailey, all short lived mothers of his little group of seven. At 50 he came to the Center to live in the house built by his fourth wife Miss Sophronia Abbott, where he died after long suffering, to which all three of these brothers were called at the last. The Gray children mostly live together in Providence, R. I., where Samuel, a most successful civil engineer, has the latest Robert Gray. [8]Samuel Gray's life with Martha Lovejoy Abbott, was a very quiet one with the adopted child Margaret whose devotion well repaid the choice. His record is best known, as he served the public as secretary and director of the Merrimac Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and to his business abilities, it owes the strong foundation of today. His life is chiefly interesting to the young, as showing how under great drawbacks, he obtained in 1817, what the town now liberally supplies. He had to work at home till 14, then boarded in Reading at the minister's to go to school a few years before he came, a Capt. Robert Gray left a son, Robert Don John Quadry Gray to be trained, and I saw the note of his death. From Reading Samuel Gray went to "Master Billy's," thence to Master Putnam's private school at North Parish, and he taught school pert of the time he was travelling for knowledge. Ben. Greenleaf, the old mathematician of Bradford had him in 1820, and the abstruse problems of all kinds among his papers, the compositions and poems show the versatility of his talents. He lost health early, and never was able to go into society much. His life work was in the business and the church of which he was a Charter member.

Henry Gray on the old farm married Lydia, daughter of Francis Sawyer and Dorcas Hibbert of Methuen, and beside a model farm, conducted with science and taste, rare in his day and with his advantages, the children of Henry Gray have the inheritance of a father's life and character, that won all hearts. This man of resource, well read, generous and trustworthy was a neighbor indeed, and loyal to home and town, he is a model of what our farm life should continue to produce in these days of new opportunity.

Edward Gray's branch clung to the old Farnum district for awhile, and was transplanted just at the right time to save it most likely. [8]Edward Gray and a wife Sarah we do not follow. [8]Thomas married Elizabeth Hutchinson and Lydia Graves of the Reading line, the mother of most of the children. [8]Hannah went to Dracut finally with Daniel Colby of Amesbury, [8]Margery, wife of Wm. Wardwell, [8]Abigail, wife of Thomas Wardwell, [8]Priscilla, wife of Daniel Carleton, appear among Andover lines while [8]Lydia and John Stevens sent a line to Thetford, Vt., [8]Sarah's husband, Thomas Stevens died in war in 1777, and [8]Elizabeth moved to Boxford with Ephraim Kimball.

[8]Thomas Gray lived in Farnum district all his life and the only record we have are births of children. [8]Sara married Stephen Ayer of Haverhill, [8]Phebe married Amos Damon of Reading and [8]Hannah took John Lacy of North Andover. [8]Thomas who married Mary Holt, began to move. [8]Amos took Lucy Lovejoy to 52 different homes before he sank into his grave in West Parish Yard. Just think of the carpets and stove funnels that man adjusted! [8]Phebe married Joel Jenkins whose tale I will tell with her tribe later. She lived on High street in my childhood, and her quaint costume and good cheerful face are part of the Universalist church service. [8]Abiah as wife of Orlando Lovejoy, who lived up by the Richardson farm on North Parish line, [8]Sarah, mother of the daughters of Samuel Gunnison, long resident with us and the most contented of all Grays, [8]Jacob, who lived on the George Harnden place with sons Wm. and Hiram, who married and went off with an infant apiece—stand for the line with [8]Noah who reached Kalamazoo.

To [8]Daniel Gray, veteran and pensioner of the Revolution and wife Tabitha Allen we owe the enterprising line of Tabby Gray and Elijah Stiles of Middleton, now resident in West Parish. They still hold on to the original Edward Gray farm in Farnum district. [8]Patty who married John Towne is the mother of our aged Moses Towne. [8]Israel and Henry crossed the Reading line, [8]Cornelius and his shop across the road are familiar to the neighbors of old Holt district. He only had one son who matured to succeed to the estate, Henry Jackson Gray, who married his cousin Nancy Towne, and was a carpenter of North Andover, when I left hunting. [8]Daniel Gray who married Abigail Chandler, went to the 1812 war, leaving a daughter Martha, who married John Shattuck, with Woodbridge grandchildren on the old Butterfield farm. Daniel, like many a comrade, was drawn to the free frontier life, never came back, and a letter years later told of his squatting in Tennessee, with new ties.

[8]Benjamin Gray married Hannah Simpson of Nottingham, N. H., and died on the old homestead in 1865. Mrs. Hannah M. Eaton of Reading is still living, while [7]Benjamin Osgood Gray and wife Hannah Maria Woodbridge may well be proud of the resident family. To Miss Grace, I am indebted for much valuable information of which I offer only a small part. W. H. Gray of North Andover and our own Ira Osgood Gray, with seven names on the town records in the 9th generation, close the sketch. Of these children three boys survive and one daughter Alice near 14. Mrs. Gray is of the old Melende line allied to Woodbridge early. These four little Grays of ours are entitled to the rare honor of being in line from Governor Dudley, whose daughter Mercy married Rev. John Woodbridge. So with Rev. Robert Parker and Rev. John Ward and other ministers for ancestors, maybe the Grays will yet furnish another Theological student.

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Hands which easily become rough and red, says The Lady, may be greatly benefited by washing them two or three times a day in oatmeal water. Take some good fine oatmeal and boil it in water for an hour, strain and use the liquid for the hands. It should be made fresh every day in summer and every other day in winter, as it soon becomes sour and smells unpleasantly. For hands which are usually red and coarse this treatment will hardly suffice. In such cases a few grains of chloride of lime should be added to the warm and soft water used for washing. Soap containing chloride of lime may be prepared thus: White powdered castile soap, one-half pound; dry chloride of lime, three quarters of an ounce; mix and beat up in mortar to a stiff mass with rectified spirits of wine as much as necessary. Divide the mass into tablets and envelop each closely with oilskin. You may scent this soap by adding to the mass two drachms of oil of verbena. Before using chloride soap or lotion, all rings or bracelets must be removed, or they will be tarnished. Cocoa cream is frequently used for softening and whitening the hands. It is composed of cocoa butter, oil of sweet almonds, and refined white wax in equal parts. Melt them together and stir until cool.—N. Y. Tribune.

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M'Calla Naval Hustler.

"No one who had personal knowledge of the doings of the naval men on the south side of the island of Cuba during the Spanish war was surprised when Capt. Bowman H. McCalla was complimented officially by the Navy Department for the speed with which he prepared the Cruiser Newark for her trip to the Philippines," said a naval officer yesterday. "Capt. McCalla has a way of doing things in quick time, and thoroughly too, and those of us who know him expect that his name will figure conspicuously in the despatches from Manila as soon as he arrives there. Capt. McCalla—he is almost always called Bowman H.—does things. He did so many things along the coast of Cuba that no one has ever been able to remember all of them at one time. No one ever called his ship, the Marblehead, by her official name. She was known as the 'Tub of Blood.' Who named her the second time I don't know, but the name stuck to her. She earned the title, too, for it seemed impossible for any one to get into trouble anywhere without having her bob up and take part in it.

"When the fleet was lying off Key West McCalla used to keep his crew at target practice day and night. The men learned to shoot by sunlight, by moonlight, by searchlight and without light. The Captain used to sit under an awning and watch every shot, and I don't think there was another set of marksmen in the navy who were the equal, all together, of the Marblehead's crew—McCalla used to say that they could hit a fly as far as it could be seen with a glass. I guess he was right. When war was declared he started out, and his ship did nothing except make trouble for Spain. The things he did on the north coast of the island, and some of the things he did on the south coast are known, of course. Some of them aren't. Everybody knows that McCalla found out for Schley that Cervera's fleet wasn't in Cienfuegos Harbor. He arrived in the afternoon one day, and by nightfall had landed, learned the true situation and informed Schley what it was. From that time on he was working day and night. He was on the Santiago blockade for a while. Then he went to Guantanamo Bay, and it was while he was there that he developed into a manager of ships, men, and affairs such as I haven't heard of before or since.

"Guantanamo Bay was his private, personal property, and no one that I ever heard of disputed his authority. He was the Admiral of the fleet of ships that made the bay their haven. No one moved without getting his permission. He assigned them to anchorages, and saw that they kept where they belonged. During the early days of our occupation of the bay, Spanish soldiers held the shore, and they were not driven away until Huntington's marines arrived. Between the time the Marblehead arrived at the bay and when the Panther came in with the marines the Spaniards used to lie in the underbrush along shore and take pot shots at the men on the ships. McCalla used to keep a watchful eye on all the ships, and if one of them got into range of the Spaniards, he'd call it out before any damage could be done. No one ever thought of doing anything without consulting him. Battleships used to come down from Santiago to coal, and their commanders ranked him, but I never heard that they interfered with McCalla. I remember that Clark, of the Oregon, refused to interfere once. A merchant ship came into the bay, and wanted to change captains. The change was to be made through a United States officer, and as the Oregon was in the bay the two captains went aboard and asked him to make the transfer. He told them that McCalla was the boss of things around there, and he wouldn't interfere. So they went over to the Marblehead, and the transfer was made by McCalla.

"McCalla never seemed to sleep. Whenever anything happened he was on deck himself and he knew all the details of every transaction that was on foot. He was the commander-in-chief of the navy, the merchant marine, the marine battalion and the Cubanos, who regarded him as their best friend. He bombarded forts and camps, fished for mines, kept the armory in his own cabin, looked out for the health of the men on shore and afloat, and did a lot of other things. Once he remarked to a friend who called on him at midnight and woke him up by stepping on him as he lay asleep on a mattress on the floor of the pilot house: 'I'm pretty busy here, and I don't get much opportunity to sleep so you must excuse me. You see I have to act as Admiral-General, Harbormaster, Health Officer, Postmaster, Press Censor, Mayor of the American City over there (pointing to where Camp McCalla lay) and Light House Keeper, and everything else. There. Where's that boat going?' and he began an investigation at once.

"After the army landed at Siboney, and before yellow jack appeared there, Capt. McCalla expressed great fear that the disease would show itself. He had ordered personally that all the huts at pilot town be burned when the marines landed. He established a quarantine against Siboney. 'And it's not a paper quarantine,' he said. 'This regulation is going to be enforced. I'm not going to expose my men.' No one even attempted to break it. McCalla was sorry to take the step, particularly because it worked a real hardship on some of the newspaper men, with whom he was on excellent terms. He arranged that when a newspaper despatch boat came in with despatches to file, it should run alongside the Marblehead and give the stuff to him. He usually went to the gangway himself and received it, never failing to express his regret that he couldn't invite the correspondents aboard. Usually he would bring out a glass of raspberry syrup for the newspaper man. It was the strongest drink he allowed himself.

"Early in the war some one circulated a story that McCalla was going to treat newspaper boats as pirate craft and shoot them on sight. McCalla once suffered severely from newspaper attacks, and this was cited as the reason for his alleged proposed action. Of course it was ridiculous. No one in the navy was better liked or more respected than Capt. McCalla by the newspaper men. Once I was in his cabin when a correspondent brought in a message to be censored. 'Have you put anything in here that ought not to go to the folks at home?' asked McCalla. 'No, sir,' replied the newspaper man. "I think it's all right. I didn't mention so and so.' 'I knew you wouldn't,' said the Captain, signing the despatch.

"He was a god man in every capacity, I guess, for every one who came into contact with him said so. I forgot, though, not every one who came into contact with him liked him. Two or three transport captains tried to get coal from him. He had heard of their treatment of the soldiers on the trip to Cuba, and he told them what he thought of them. I guess they never forgot it. Every decent man, though, was McCalla's friend. They all expect him to do things in the East that will make people look up. He will too."

The Cook—I de be thinkin' we women should vote.

The Chambermaid—Shure, ye forgit we'd have to live in one place for 30 days.—Yonkers Statesman.

The Boer at Home.

The average Dutch farmhouse is a long, low-roofed cabin stuck in the middle of the veldt. Here, with his tribe of children and Kaffir servants, lives and dies the Boer farmer, says the London Mail. His herds and cattle are his only care; his only literature the Bible; his only recreation riding, smoking, or nigger-driving, the last being by far the favorite Boer sport.

A howling chorus from the gaunt Kaffir dogs greets the visitor or benighted traveller. Alone on the veldt in a sparsely populated country, the Boer is, of course, hospitable, as men in such circumstances always are and always have been.

The family troop out to see the traveler. There is the stalwart, weather-beaten, rough father, his ponderous, corpulent wife, and his dozen or so children. With each the traveler shakes hands, and he is then ushered into the house.

A bowl of water is brought to the guest. Being a traveler he produces his soap and washes. The father taking the bowl, throws a small quantity of the water on his face and wipes it off with a towel. In the same water the whole family of 12 or 14 likewise wash themselves. They have no soap, and the traveler ceases to wonder at the pronounced dirtiness of all the Boers he has met.

For the evening meal the cloth is laid on the table and a sufficiency of bowls are set on plates. The mother brings in a big basin of milk and a dish of hard, crisp bread, or "Boer biscuit," as it is called. A long Dutch grace is pronounced by the father. Then by the light of a single tallow candle supper is eaten.

For the father and visitor there is a small piece of boiled mutton. If the hungry traveler consumes his small ration of meat before his host has finished his portion, the Boer will courteously offer what meat he has not eaten! Yet the Boer is a wealthy man, usually possessing hundreds of heads of cattle. His whole life is one strange contrast of poverty and plenty.

A long oration marks the conclusion of the meal, and a move is then made for bed. The signal for retiring is the bringing round of a bowl of water for each person to wash his feet in. Shoes are taken off, and father and mother, boys and girls, all use the same water.

Then, after he has kissed each of the family, the guest is shown to his room. Nowadays many farmhouses boast bedrooms, with huge, high wooden beds. But it was, and still is the custom at many farms for the whole family to sleep on the floor of the living room.

Goat and sheepskins are laid on the floor. Everybody sleeps in his or her thin clothes, removing only the veitschoon. No Boer ever undresses.

In the morning all rise with the sun. While coffee is being prepared the family sprinkle water on their faces and smear them over with a towel.

Then the traveller thankful for his shelter, but not unhappy at the prospect of accommodation less primitive and savage, resumes his journey, and his host and sons go out to their day's cattle tending.

TO CLEAN IRON BEDSTEADS.

The following paste is excellent for this purpose: Mix together one gill of paraffin, half a gill of naphtha and enough tripoli powder to make a rather soft paste. Apply with a bit of felt, rub till all dirt is removed, dust with dry tripoli powder and polish with a soft cloth.

Effect of Gossiping.

"Every opinion reacts upon him who utters it," said Emerson, which is a wise precept to be remembered by those people who ever stand in awe of those two illiltrate and ill-bred personages, Mmmes. Gossip and Grundy. No doubt it is better as the old saying has it, to have the good will than the ill will of a dog, but there are some dogs whose will counts for little either way. Unkind comment was supposed to have partly caused the early death of Keats and yet the poet wrote in regard to this: "My own criticism has given me pain without comparison beyond what Blackwood or the Quarterly could possibly inflict; and also, when I feel I am right, no external praise can give me such a glow as my solitary reperception and ratification of what is fine." These solitary glows are not to be extinguished by the chilly blankets that Mrs. Grundy always carries with her. Of course, the person who "always has a good word to say of everybody" and who has a kind excuse for all transgressors is a tiresome creature and calculated to cause one to exclaim with Dr. Johnson: "Give me a good hater!" It is not so much excuses and milk and water kindliness that must be brought to bear upon transgressors, but intelligence and charity. These are qualities that are not usually found in the Gossip and Grundy type.—Chicago Tribune.

FOOD FOR AN INVALID.

For a delicate child or an invalid there is a simple preparation of meat which contains a great quantity of nourishment and yet is most easily digested. A half pound of round steak is laid on the board and scraped in the way of the grain with a strong silver spoon. The pulp readily comes off from the white stringy muscles, and in a few moments enough has been secured for two cakes. These are salted and laid for an instant in a very hot, deep frying pan. They cook at once, and are most appetizing, and can be digested by the weakest stomach.

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Awaking in great agitation, she aroused her mother and related what she had seen in her sleep. The old lady assayed to reassure her, but nothing would convince her that her husband had not been killed, and in the midst of her lamentations a messenger arrived to apprise her of the accident.

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CLEVELAND, August 23rd, 1899.

CHARLES A. POST, *Treasurer, etc.*,

DEAR SIR:—Confirming my telegram of this A. M., I beg to say that your Company had run for its credit during April 5,142.64 barrels, May 5,329.36 barrels, June 5,065.13 barrels, July 5,049.46 barrels. There appears to be one run made in July not credited to your account until August, owing to absence of Division order.

Therefore, if you desire to be more accurate you should add 146.93 to the amount of that run to the credit during July, making the total for the month 5,196.39 barrels.

Yours truly, R. L. BATES, *Agent.*

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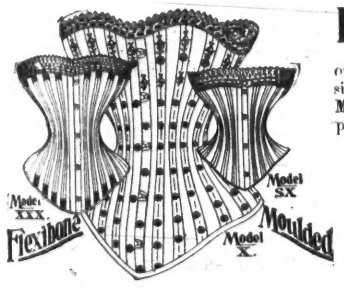
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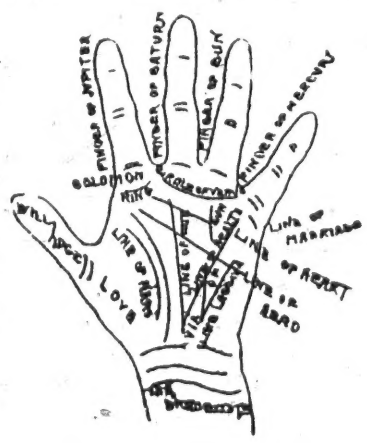
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HE PROVED THE OMEN.

"Speaking of sailors' superstitions," remarked the veteran lighthouse keeper Josh Reeves of Sea Isle City, "reminds me of an accident that happened half a century ago off the Five Fathom Bang lightship in which a sailor's prediction, based on an omen resulted fatally to the prophet himself.

"A bright winter morning had caused the crew of the lightship to row a short distance away in a small boat in search of codfish, which are very abundant off the capes in winter time. A few hours' fishing resulted in a deadly catch and a return was made to the lightship. The fish were cleaned and the refuse thrown overboard but a calm sea with not a breath of air to disturb it, caused the refuse to drift in a circle around the ship. Toward noon a large flock of geese came in sight and settled under the lightship's very bows and commenced to feed. The waterfowl became very tame and swam chattering and hissing close to the ship's sides.

"Josh Crowell, a grizzled old member of the crew, hook his head and predicted death to some one on board within 24 hours. He said that whenever geese became so tame as to feed around a vessel's bow or stern, it was an unfailing omen of impending death on board. Crowell's companions laughed at his fear, but he told them to bide their time.

"Toward noon a strong gale came out of the nor'east and kicked up a heavy sea. Crowell was on the forward or bow watch.

"Many of the crew were in the main cabin below enjoying a social game of euchre, checkers or dominoes, when suddenly they heard the sound of a chain running rapidly through the starboard scuppers. We rushed on deck in dismay thinking the windlass gearing had given way. The sight witnessed will never be forgotten. Crowell had been caught in the relief chain and ground around the rapidly revolving windlass. His death was instant. His omen came true."—New York Herald.

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Good Cookery

NURSERY COOKERY.

FOR VERY YOUNG CHILDREN.
By Christine Terhune Herrick.
(Continued from last week.)

When the age of eighteen months is reached, there are a few changes made, although the food remains materially the same until the child is two and a half years old. His meals come down to four a day, which he should take at seven, eleven, two and half past six o'clock. The yolk of a soft-boiled egg and a small amount of cereal are added to his breakfast bread and milk, or he may have bread and butter in place of the last. His morning lunch is unchanged, as is his supper, except that for the latter a dish of milk toast may sometimes be substituted for the bread and milk. His dinner is more substantial and may consist of a cupful of mutton or chicken broth or beef tea, about a tablespoonful of underdone mutton or beef, minced very fine, baked or mashed potatoes or boiled rice, and junket or rice or tapioca pudding for dessert.

MUTTON OR LAMB BROTH.

Put one pound of lean mutton or lamb into a saucepan with one quart of cold water. The neck of lamb may be used for this purpose or any of the coarser parts of the animal, so long as they are free from fat. Bring the water to a boil slowly, allowing it to take an hour to reach this point. Keep the pot closely covered and let the meat stew slowly, until it falls to pieces. Strain it out as soon as it is cold and remove any of the fat that may have gathered on the top. Return it to the fire with a tablespoonful of rice which has been soaked in a little warm water, and simmer half an hour. Add to it then a half cup of milk, season with a little salt and cook five minutes before serving.

CHICKEN BROTH.

Select a well-grown fowl, cut it in pieces, and crack the bones. Put it into a saucepan with three pints of cold water and proceed exactly as with the mutton broth. In both be very careful that the soup does not scorch after the addition of the milk. Unless it can be watched constantly, it is better to cook it in a double boiler.

BOILED RICE.

Wash a cupful of rice in two waters, and put it over the fire in two quarts of slightly salted water. Have it at a hard boil and keep it at this for fifteen or twenty minutes or until a grain of it is soft when pinched between the thumb and finger. Turn off the water and let the rice dry off in the pot, as you would do with potatoes.

It may seem unnecessary to give directions for so simple a dish as boiled rice, but it is so seldom that one sees it properly cooked that a repetition of the recipe is not out of place.

MILK TOAST.

Cut stale bread into slices of medium thickness, trim off the crust and toast it brown over a clear fire. Dip each slice for a second in boiling water, butter lightly and lay in a deep dish. Boil enough milk to more than cover the toast, salt the milk to taste and pour it over the toast. The generous provision of milk is rendered needful by the fact that the toast absorbs it very rapidly. Stand the dish in an oven or other warm place for five minutes before serving.

TAPIOCA PUDDING.

Soak a cupful of tapioca in enough cold water to cover it, for two hours, drain off the water and pour on in its place a quart of milk. Let this stand for two hours longer, beat in two tablespoonfuls of melted butter and two of sugar, and add three eggs, well whipped. Stir well, put in buttered pudding dish and bake until firm in a moderate oven.

As the child cuts his teeth, his food needs to be less carefully minced, and by the time he is three years old he may have his slice of underdone beef or mutton, or his bit of chicken or turkey cut into small pieces on his plate, instead of being pounded or chopped into fineness.

A few rules may be laid down as to the manner in which children should be fed. In the first place they should never be hurried at their meals. As a general thing, they are disposed to be leisurely in the consumption of their food, and gulping and bolting are accomplishments acquired later in life. Their repasts should not be too far apart, lest they should be tempted through hunger to eat so rapidly that they do not masticate their food properly. They should not be allowed to eat between meals. Nothing so soon upsets a young child's stomach as to be perpetually nibbling at something, even if it be so simple a thing as a cracker or a piece of bread.

It will do no harm to run over a few of the articles of food that should be completely banished from the young child's dietary. No salt or corned meats or fish should be permitted, no veal or fresh pork, no pickles or salads, catsup or olives, no hot bread, griddle-cakes, sweet cakes or pastry, none of the heavy winter vegetables, or tomatoes, or green corn or canned goods of any kind. Fried foods of all sorts, cheese, rich stews, jellies, dried fruits, bananas, nuts, preserves, fancy desserts, candies, should all be tabooed. When there is any uncertainty as to whether or not any article of diet will agree with a child give him the benefit of the doubt and withhold the food.

(To be continued next week.)

FOR YOUR SCRAP-BOOK.

Recipes From Many Sources and of Acknowledged Worth.

WELSH RAREBIT.

Put one-half tablespoonful of butter into a chafing dish, as soon as it is melted add three-quarters of a teaspoonful of flour and gradually one-half cup of milk. Cook two minutes, then add one-half pound of mild, soft cheese cut into small pieces. Add salt and a few grains of cayenne pepper. Toast stale bread on one side, rarebit being poured over the untoasted side.

A VARIETY OF SANDWICH FILLINGS.

By Emma G. Jefferson.

Bread for sandwiches should be at least a day old. Cut about one-quarter of an inch thick and remove the crusts. Fancy shapes can be made by cutting rounds or hearts from the bread with cookie cutters. The butter should be warm enough to spread smoothly. The crusts and cutting should be utilized for "crumbs" for croquettes, etc., by placing them in a large dripping pan in the oven and slowly bringing to a golden brown, when they may be rolled fine and put into a closed fruit jar ready for use when needed.

EGG SANDWICHES.

Boil fresh laid eggs five minutes. Shell them while warm and place them in a bowl with a good-sized piece of butter, some salt and pepper. Mash them as fine as possible with a silver fork. When a well-seasoned paste has been formed in this way spread on bread buttered or not as preferred.

ENGLISH WALNUT FILLING.

Use graham or whole wheat bread for this filling. Chop English walnuts very fine and mix them into a paste with a good boiled salad dressing made as follows:

Beat two eggs well, add one-fourth of a teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoon of sugar, one-fourth of a teaspoon of mustard, and beat well. When beaten add three tablespoonfuls of vinegar and beat again, and lastly one tablespoonful of cream, beating all together thoroughly. Place in a dish of hot water and cook until about the thickness of cream, stirring all the time.

PEANUT FILLING.

Shell the peanuts, removing the loose brown skin. Then crush the peanuts to a fine powder by rolling them on the bread board, or they can be chopped very fine; salt slightly and mix them into a paste with melted butter. Spread either white or graham bread with the filling.

CHICKEN PASTE FOR SANDWICHES.

Chop very fine any parts of a cold boiled chicken and mix with some of the cold gravy; season with salt and pepper; celery chopped with the chicken is a very appetizing addition.

HAM PASTE FOR SANDWICHES.

Chop very fine any cold boiled or fried ham and mix into a paste by using a very little cold cream sauce made by heating one cup of milk and thickening with one tablespoonful flour and adding seasoning of butter and salt. Spread on white or brown bread.

BEEFSTEAK SANDWICHES.

Chop very fine any cold cooked beefsteak, season with salt and pepper and make into a paste for spreading with melted butter.

To have any variety of sandwich the most satisfactory, the meat or nuts for filling should be made very fine. In serving they may be made attractive cut in fancy shapes from both white and graham bread, and the two varieties in color piled neatly on the same fancy plate. Olives or small cucumber pickles are always desirable served with them.

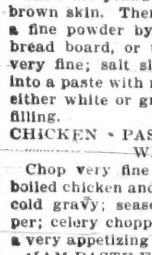
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Miscellany.

An unsual marriage was witnessed at Perry, Ok. A swollen creek separated Albert Perry, a cowboy, from Emma Moyer, about the time they were to be married. The clergyman was with him. The groom plunged in and swam the creek, but the clergyman feared to follow. The happy couple and their friends assembled on one side of the stream and the clergyman howled his questions and benediction from the other side, and thus they were married.

On a recent Sunday Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Sawyer of Putney, Vt., drove to West Chesterfield, N. H., and on their return they brought with them in a bag under the carriage seat a bob-tailed maltese cat about three years old. The cat was put in the cellar, it being the intention to keep it there until it seemed contented with its new abode. On Friday night however it escaped and nothing more was seen of it until the next Tuesday morning when the former owners found it upon the steps waiting to get in, having crossed the river during its three days' hunt.

The British government keeps 11 vessels at work sounding and charting the ocean beds to find out where dangers lurk. Last year 10,000 square miles were carefully charted in different parts of the world, Asia, Africa and the South Pacific.

The use of seaweed as food and for filling mattresses and cushions, has been occupying the attention of one of the branches of the department of agriculture. Hitherto seaweed has been used almost exclusively for fertilizing purposes but in the forthcoming bulletin on the subject some light will be thrown on other ways in which it can be turned to account.

In some of the smaller towns of Germany there is an ordinance to promote temperance on the Sabbath. It is to the effect that "Any person drinking beer or spirituous liquors on Sunday in a saloon, may legally depart without paying for the beverage which he has drunk."

Prof. Nussbeaum of Hanover has discovered that the plastering in the walls seriously affects of the acoustic properties of a room. Any mixture of sand with the plaster spoils the reverberation of musical tones. The best results are obtained by using pure gypsum that has been heated to a white heat.

A spasm of generosity was experienced by a gentleman of Sullivan, Ind., during the delivery of a sermon appealing for charity, and to the church he gave his note for $150. Now he refuses to pay the note on the ground that it was drawn on Sunday.

One of the strangest streams in the world is in East Africa. It flows in the direction of the sea but never reaches it. Just north of the equator, and when only a few miles from the Indian ocean it flows into a desert when it suddenly and completely disappears.

Mrs. G. A. Andrews of Claremont, N. H. has recently come into possession of a set of steel knives and forks that are positively known to have been brought over in the Mayflower. They are about the size of tea knives and the forks have. The handles are buckhorn and colored green. The set contains six knives and forks.

The most frantic attempt to prolong the summer season was that of an Augusta, Me., ice man who was on his route in the bleak winds of Nov. 2 wearing a straw hat.

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A village without a name consisting of 500 fishermen's huts, occupies a position every winter on lake Huron.

It takes a good horse to run down a giraffe, and if the least advantage is permitted the wild creature, the race is lost.

A bashful young man from a lawyer's office in Manchester, N. H., asked for the "book of attachments" at the city hall in that city the other day and almost fainted when an absent minded clerk passed out the book of marriage intentions, wrongly mistaking the bashful young man for a newspaper reporter.

John and Fred Harriman of Stockton Springs, Me., killed a deer in a novel way recently. The animal, a large buck, was swimming across the harbor, and they put out in their boat and killed it with a clam hoe. The buck fought hard, and at one time got his forward feet into the boat and nearly capsized it. The animal was 8 years old and weighed 260 pounds.

Soon after midnight recently Miss Maggie McKean of Hazleton, Pa., retired to her bedroom and had scarcely pulled the covers over herself when an enormous owl jumped from the footboard of her bed and made a savage attack upon her. She screamed from pain and terror, but was severely injured before the members of her family could beat the bird off.

Lillian Tracy of Troy, proved herself equal to an emergency. When her suit for slander came up her lawyer was too ill to appear. So she conducted her own case and did it so cleverly that she secured a verdict.

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The Andover Representative and His Vote for Speaker.

It is doubtful if a third of the voters of Andover know the names of the candidates for the speakership of the Massachusetts legislature. Probably this third may know that the two leading candidates are Mr. Myers of Cambridge and Mr. Bennett of Saugus, but beyond that, few of them know very little of the situation as it actually is today.

It is very natural that they should know virtually nothing about this office which is decided by the votes of the representatives alone, however much they are indirectly interested in the office itself.

But it is a very important position nevertheless. The speaker of the Massachusetts legislature is a power next to the governor, in making laws for the state. In some of his work, such as the appointment of committees, he is even more powerful than the governor. He should be a man of the very highest character, of experience, of ability. The whole state demands these qualities and coming nearer home the town of Andover demands them.

The only way the town of Andover has of showing its wishes in the matter, is through the vote of her representative. Preliminary meetings and conferences show that Mr. Poor is a supporter of Frank P. Bennett of Saugus, for this high position. Now Mr. Poor has a right to support for any office, any man he sees fit to honor by his vote, and this brief discussion of his position will undoubtedly have no influence upon his action in the speakership fight; but we believe it to be a duty to place him before the voters, while the question is still open.

Mr. Bennett may be everything that the position of speaker demands, but Mr. Poor knows, everyone who has studied men in the public life of the state knows, that there is a good deal of an unpleasant flavor attached to him as a legislator. It is not necessary to go into the details, for they have been published many times.

Knowing of these things (perhaps true, perhaps not true) we believe that any man who represents any such constituency as that of Andover, has no right to misrepresent his constituents by a vote for a man about whom there is the least question.

There is little doubt but that Mr. Poor would profit in the matter of committee appointments, by placing himself with the winner, but if in so doing he does not represent the men who chose him he is taking a wrong stand.

We believe we voice the best sentiment of Andover when we protest against the Andover representative voting for a man, for so high and noble an office as that of speaker of the Massachusetts legislature, who has been charged with such things as Frank P. Bennett has. After Mr. Bennett has met the charges of the men whom he says have traduced him, and refuted them, there will be ample time in which to elevate him to the high offices of the land. Until then it is certain that Andover wants no part in his elevation, and she will not endorse the man who misrepresents her by assisting in such elevation.

The Andover Teachers.

Two weeks ago there was a reference in this column to the possible demand on the part of the school teachers for weekly payments.

We did not approve of it and called attention in our protest to some of the phases of the question which made it an unwise change for the teachers to wish for. Last week, Supt. Johnson stated in a communication to the Townsman, that the teachers do not want weekly payments, and indirectly gave the impression that there was no reason for the previous week's "cinder."

We are pleased, as will several town officials be, that the teachers do not desire any change in their times of payment, but we cannot allow any impression to go out that it was "hasty criticism" to call attention to such a possibility, without a word to justify that so called criticism.

The matter had been referred to in the school board at least once. One of the teachers had asked several of her mates if they would join in a request for such a change, and two of the principal town officials had been approached regarding the question. From this our readers may judge whether the Townsman was hasty in calling attention to some of the disagreeable things attending any change, (of which most of the teachers had no knowledge), or whether it was not showing the very best kind of friendship for the two score or so of young women who form so important a part of the life of the town, and who have had for the past ten years no more loyal and interested supporter than the man who penned the lines termed "hasty criticism".

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

Services of Song and Praise. Concerts and Trees Make Glad the Hearts of Scores of Children.

Another Christmas has come and gone; a pleasant, bright and smiling Christmas it was, too. The weather was rather warm for the 25th of December and the young folks missed their skating or sleighing. Many were the merry home gatherings all over Andover which brought together the loved ones, some after long and tedious absences. Mirth and joy prevailed; everyone seemed to feel more charitable toward his neighbor.

Besides the many private celebrations in different homes, services of some sort, together with trees were held at nearly all the churches as announced in last week's Townsman.

Christ Church.

At Christ church the observances began on Saturday afternoon at 4.30, with a song service and short address by the rector. The following carols were sung by the choir: "God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "It came upon the midnight clear," "Silent Night," and "Carol, Christmas Bells."

Then the choir sang a recessional and the Sunday school scholars, and their parents adjourned to the Parish house where a beautifully formed and handsomely decorated tree awaited them. Santa Claus, impersonated by H. Sanford Leach, distributed the presents and bags of candy to the children. Many of the grown ups were remembered by gifts from their friends. Choirmaster and organist John Bachelder was the recipient of many presents from the tree, among them being a gentleman's handsome toilet travelling set in ebony from the men of the choir. Arthur Goodrich, superintendent of the Sunday school was in charge of the exercises.

The regular church services were held Sunday morning and evening. A pretty and strange feature of the Christmas observance, however, was the singing of old Christmas carols of the 15th and 16th centuries by the boy choir from the church tower at a quarter before seven. Unfortunately it was so stormy that there were only a few people who braved the elements to hear the music.

On Monday, Christmas day, a morning service was held with an appropriate sermon by the rector upon the meaning of this day of days. The decorations of the church were most beautiful and elaborate. They consisted of long ropes of laurel running the length of the church with graceful loops of the same material connecting them with the sides of the edifice. The whole effect was very artistic and symmetrical. Under the direction of organist John Bachelder, the following fine musical program was rendered by the boy choir:

Organ Prelude, Triumphal March in D. Major — J. Lemmens
Processional Hymn; "Christian Awake," — J. Wainwright
Venite, Gregorian, VII Tone.
Te Deum in G, — J. E. West
Jubilate Deo; Gregorian VIII Tone (Rouen Meditation)
Hymn 50; "It came upon the midnight clear," — R. S. Willis
Kyrie Eleison; C minor. — Sir John Steiner
Gloria Tibi, in G. — J. B. Calkin
Offertory, Anthem; "Hallelujah Chorus" from "Messiah," — Handel
Doxology.
Communion.
Sanctus; in A major. — Sir J. Stainer
Eucharistic Hymn; "Bread of the World," No 225. — J. S. B. Hodges
Gloria in Excelsis in G. — Dr. E. Hodges
Recessional Hymn; "Hark the herald angels sing," No. 51. — Mendelssohn
Postlude; 1st movement organ sonata in A minor op. 98. — J. Rheinberger

Baptist Church.

Christmas tree exercises were held at the Baptist church last Saturday evening preceded by a supper and short entertainment under the direction of Perley F. Gilbert, superintendent of the Sunday school. The church auditorium was beautifully trimmed with festoons of evergreen hung around the balcony railing, with here and there a wreath of the same material. Streamers of red and white crepe paper were stretched from the chandelier to the balcony and at either side of the platform was a handsome Christmas tree loaded with presents. The program consisted of songs and recitations, mostly by the children, some of them little tots, and a vocal solo by Miss Jean U. Piddington.

All of the scholars in the Sunday school received a box of candy when the presents were distributed and the youngest were each given an additional gift. The trees were also made the medium of exchanging presents both among the old and the young. Although the evening sped rapidly away, it left in its stead a pleasant anticipation of the home Christmas yet to come.

On Sunday morning, Rev. Mr. Klein preached a Christmas sermon but no special musical program had been prepared although Christmas hymns were sung.

South Church.

No special Christmas music was rendered at the South church last Sunday morning with the exception of a solo by T. F. Pratt which was beautifully sung. In the evening, a Christmas concert was given by the Sunday school, under the direction of the superintendent, Dr. C. H. Gilbert. Following was the program rendered, entitled, "The Light of Ages:"

"Christmas Greeting," — Giebel
School.
Prayer, — Mr. Shearer
Recitation, "The dearest season," —
Scripture Responses, "The Years of the Most High." —
"Out From the Shadows," — Giebel
School.
Exercise, "The Light of Ages,"
Miss Mary Mason's class
Miss Lucy Mason's class
Miss Lizzie F. Swift's class
"The Light of the World," — Quartette
Scripture Responses, "By Prophets Foretold"
"The theme of the Prophets," — Lehman
School.
Exercise, "The Wise Men," — Miss Eaton's class
Scripture Reading, — Rev. Mr. Shipman
"The Christmas Night," — Lehman
Congregation.
Scripture Responses, "The Stars of Scripture"
"There's a Wonderful Star," — Giebel
School.
"Christ was once a Little Baby," — Quartette
Primary Dept.
"Christmas," (Acrostical exercise.) — Primary Dept.
Recitation, "The Holly." — Amber Shea
"We Bring the Holly." — Giebel
Primary Department.
"O Christmas Bells, Ring Out," — Giebel
School.
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Recitation, "The Christmas Night," —
Miss Bailey's class
"O Night of Holy Wonder," — Lehman
School.
Recitation, "Giving," — Class
"Glory to God," — Giebel
Benediction.

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Free Church.

At the Free church a large congregation, many of them from the Hill chapel, was present Sunday morning to hear the Christmas sermon and elaborate musical program prepared for the occasion. The text of Rev. Mr. Wilson's address was "For unto you is born this day a Saviour" and he feelingly referred in the course of the sermon to the work and life of the late evangelist, Dwight L. Moody.

The choir was assisted by the Free church orchestra in delivering the anthems and hymns. Following was the order of exercises:

Organ Voluntary
Doxology
Invocation
Hymn, "Calm on the Listening Night," — Ear of Handel
Responsive Reading
Gloria 12th Mass, — Mozart
Choir and Orchestra
Scripture Reading
Prayer
Response, "Miserere,"
Free Church Orchestra
Offertory
Anthem, "Send out Thy Light" — Gounod
Sermon
Hymn, "Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning," — Mozart
Prayer
Benediction
Postlude, Gloria 1st Mass, — Mozart
Orchestra and organ
Organist, Miss Lizzie Upton
Choir master, D. S. Lindsey

The orchestra was composed of; violins, Misses Gertrude Buchan, Alice Cox, Lottie Cox, Mr. A. E. Tough; piccolo D. Buchan, clarinet, Roy Lindsay, coronet, D. S. Lindsay, organ, Miss Annie Smart. The music was the best ever given in the church, the anthems being rendered in a most finished manner. The orchestra was a very desirable addition and helped materially in the rendering of the Gloria. The music reflected great credit on the choir and its leader.

In the evening a Sunday School concert was given under the direction of the superintendent, J. Newton Cole. The pastor, in his address adapted particularly to the children, spoke of the German Christmas and the meanings attached to the green Christmas tree with its many lights. Owing to the storm the attendance was small. Following was the program, entitled "Offering of Love:" organ voluntary; song, "The Christmas Song," School; responsive reading; prayer, Rev. F. A. Wilson; recitation, "'Tis the Birthday of our Saviour," Annie French; recitation, "The Birth of Christ," Elsie Ayers; "The Beautiful City Above," Choir; recitation, "A Christmas Message," five boys; responsive reading, "The City of God;" 'Chimes of Beauty," Choir; recitation, "What do the Bells Say?" five girls from Primary department; singing, "The First Christmas," Primary department; recitation, "In the fields with their flocks," Mary Findley; exercise by five boys and three girls; recitation, "A Christmas Carmen," Susie Findley; song, "The Star of Bethlehem," School; address, Rev. F. A. Wilson; "We Cannot Say Farewell," Choir; recitations, "Our Best Gift," Ethel Maskell; "Our Gifts," Belle Bruce; offering; singing, "You Can Have the Joy-Bells," School; benediction, pastor.

West Church.

Owing to the stormy weather of last Sunday evening the concert which was to have been given at the West church by the Sunday school was postponed until Christmas night when the tree was also to be held. The church vestry was prettily trimmed with festoons and wreaths of evergreen about the walls, and in one corner the large, symmetrically formed Christmas tree stood, upon which were hung strings of pop corn and bags of candy.

E. W. Abbott, superintendent of the Sunday school, was in charge of the exercises. A program was carried out by the children as follows: Song, "Hail, all Hail," school; song, "Merry bells are ringing," school; invocation; responsive reading, psalm, 146; song, "The children's King," school; recitation, "The Christmas Star," Agnes Gillen; song, "The song of the bells," school; address, Rev. G. A. Andrews; recitation, "Christmas Anticipations," Russell Abbott; recitation, "A song of Christmas," Annie Gillen; hymn, "Joy to the World," congregation.

After these exercises were finished the boxes of candy were removed from the tree, and with an orange, were given to the scholars, who with their parents, completely filled the vestry. The evening's joys were brought to a finish shortly after eight o'clock, thus ending a delightful Christmas day. Following were the members of the committees in charge of the Christmas tree exercises: Soliciting, Miss Agnes Gillen. Miss Bessie Dodson, Mrs. Shaw and Miss Lena Hardy; securing tree, George Phelps and Winthrop Boutwell; decorating vestry, Miss Lucia Burtt and others; decorating tree and providing amusement for the children, Miss Harriet Dodson and others; purchasing, W. A. Trow.

St. Augustine's Church.

At St. Augustine's church an elaborate musical program was given on Christmas day as follows:

Morning Service.

Asperges, — Rev. D. J. Leonard
Mass of St. Augustine, — Rev. D. J. Leonard
Offertory, Adeste Fideles, — Novello
Recessional, — Gounod

Evening Service.

Musical Vespers No. 2, — A. H. Rosewig
Adeste Fideles, — Novello
Magnificat, — Gregorian
Alma Redemptoris, — Bordese
O Salutaris, (solo) — Selected
Tantum Ergo, — McCabe
Laudate Dominum, — Gregorian
Postlude—We will give thanks.
Annie G. Donovan, Organist.

PHOTOGRAPHIC ILLUSTRATIONS.

The success which the *Boston Journal* is achieving in the printing of half-tone photographic illustrations in its daily editions is attracting marked attention among newspapers and the general public as well. It is a method of illustration which many daily papers have recently tried and in which practically all have failed.

The problem of printing half-tone cuts on fast presses and on paper of the usual newspaper quality has proved too much for them. The success which the *Journal* has made is therefore the more conspicuous. The *Journal* is giving much attention to the news of the English-Boer War, and is illustrating the news with remarkable effect.

Miss Hoar will not take Miss Carleton's place at the Stowe school but will teach music in place of Miss Demorest while Miss Pleadwell will take the drawing.

Agent F. M. Hill Resigns His Position at Phillips Academy.

After a continuous service of nearly thirteen years, Fred M. Hill, agent for Phillips Academy buildings and overseer of the P. A. farm, has resigned his position, and will close his connection with the academy sometime in the spring of 1900. It is owing to poor health and the necessity of a proper rest from care, together with a desire to enter into business for himself, that Mr. Hill has been prompted to come to this decision.

Mr. Hill has been an efficient and painstaking manager of the outside business connected with the academy work. Not only was he in charge of the buildings of Phillips but also those of the Theological seminary and the farm. All necessary repairs, care of the grounds and the like, devolved upon him. Until within a few years, he also saw to the letting of rooms in the Commons, but this duty has since been shifted to the shoulders of the registrar.

Before coming to Andover, Mr. Hill was in charge of a very large farm in Lyndeborough, in the southern portion of New Hampshire.

He will have filled his duties in the most faithful manner at Phillips Academy for thirteen years on the 10th of March next, and his bright, genial presence and hearty out-spoken speech will be missed from among the servitors of the academy. It is not probable, however, that Mr. Hill will leave Andover. His desire is to get into business here where he has passed many pleasant years of his life and he will surely remain here if any favorable opportunity offers itself.

This fall, Mr. Hill took a much needed two weeks' rest but is not in the best of health yet. His many friends will unite in wishing for him an improvement in this respect and a success in whatever he undertakes in the future.

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The Annual Meeting of the members of the Merrimack Mutual Fire Insurance Company for the Election of Directors and the transaction of any other business that may legally come before them, will be held at the office of the Company in Andover, on Monday, the 8th day of January, 1900, at 2 o'clock P. M.

J. A. SMART, Secretary.

December 15, 1899.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

ESSEX, ss.

PROBATE COURT.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of Priscilla J. Gee, late of Andover, in said County, widow, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by Charles H. Marland, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Lawrence, in said county of Essex, on the eighth day of January, A.D. 1900, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once in each week for three succesive weeks, in the Andover TOWNSMAN, a newspaper published in Andover, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Rollin E. Harmon, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this thirteenth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

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Prof. Edwards A. Park's 91st Birthday.

Prof. Edwards A. Park to-day celebrates his 91st birthday. Many gifts have been received from loving friends and former students, while numerous other friends have called to extend congratulations and best wishes.

The handsome loving cup presented to Professor Park on his 90th anniversary was brought out and filled with 91 beautiful pinks. An inscription on the cup, "Love abideth ever," has been amply verified by the letters from scores of friends and former pupils who in thus writing to send loving messages, have shown that he is present in their thoughts to-day.

Among the gifts received by Professor Park was a birthday cake made by Mrs. S. F. Abbott, one of his elderly friends, who remembered him last year in a similar manner.

Professor Park is very well considering his age, and after having seen nearly the whole of the present century, is able to look forward to the opening of a new one. Let us hope that he may live to see it.

Punchard Grads, 11; Andover Football Team, 0.

The Punchard Graduates again defeated the Andover football team on Christmas day by a score of 11 to 0. These teams met previously on Thanksgiving day when the former eleven was victorious by the score of 10 to 0. While the Andover football team was nearly the same in make up as before, the Grads were even stronger and heavier.

Their first touchdown was made by Kallacky after the ball had been pushed down the field by superior weight. Lynch kicked the goal and the half ended with the score, Grads, 6; Andover team, 0.

In the second half a kicking game was played, in which department Pomeroy outkicked Moynihan as he did Thanksgiving morning. Punchard's second touchdown was the result of a fluke and was made by Carter. Lynch failed to kick the goal and the final score was Punchard Grads, 11; Andover team, 0.

The game, while not an exhibition of the most scientific football, was at least an interesting one to watch and was seen by many of the townspeople. It is an exceptional case that the weather and the condition of the football field should be such that a game could be played on Christmas.

The line up:

Punchard Graduates, Ross, centre; Clemons and R. Buchan, guards; Holt and Kydd, tackles; Downing and Killacky, ends; Stu. Smith, quarter back; Carter and Lynch, half backs; Pomeroy, full back.

Andover Football team: Marland, centre; Vose and Richardson, guards; Bodwell and D. Buchan tackles; Allen, Robbins and Myerscough, ends; Dundas, quarter back; Hemmer and Lindsay, half backs; Moynihan, full back.

Score, Grads, 17; A. F. B. T., 0. Touchdowns, Killacky and Carter. Goal, Lynch. Referee, R. T. Davis. Umpire, O. Dutcher. Time, 20 m. halves.

FRYE VILLAGE.

Mrs. Walter M. Brackett and son, of Wakefield, are visiting the former's father, John Hill.

Tuttle & Morrison will be ready to move into their new shop before very long.

William D. Smith, son of Joseph W. Smith, has gone out to Emmett, Idaho, where he will spend the winter on a sheep ranch. Previously, he was employed by Hallowell & Donald, a wool firm in Boston.

An Hour in Tokio.

Miss Slason's school for little people closed on Friday morning, the 22d, with a unique and interesting entertainment. The children, who had been studying Geography by the tourist method, gave a very intelligent account of their journey to Japan. They gathered a surprising fund of information on the way which they preserved in note books and letters for the benefit of their less fortunate stay at home friends. From the car windows, as they sped across the country, they evidently saw everything that was worth seeing, and remembered it. In large cities where stop-over-tickets allowed a short stay, they also observed much that was new and attractive. They were as familiar with the great steamer on which they embarked at San Francisco as they are with their own school room, and the voyage across the Pacific, with a visit to the Hawaiian Islands, was truly ideal!

On arriving at Yokohama, the travellers assumed the dress of the natives, and their picturesque attire added greatly to the charm of this closing occasion. After the literary exercises were over, cakes and bonbons with dainty cups of fragrant Japanese tea were handed to the guests by the attentive and courteous little entertainers. The school-room was a veritable Oriental museum and many of the visitors, forgetting for a moment that they were in Tokio, wonderingly asked how such a store of curious and beautiful things had been brought together.

Miss Slason's rare ability as a teacher of children is well known. The work of each term gives added proof of her happy faculty of combining instruction and enjoyment while leading her pupils along the line of steady growth.

Communication.

A DELIGHTFUL BOOK.

Dear Editor:—

Please allow me a small space in which to say a few words in regard to Rev. Varnum Lincoln's new book of poems just published, which I have had the pleasure of reading, simply because I would like others to share with me the delight which its apt illustrations and its beautiful sentiments so well expressed, have afforded me. Your late notice of the work, and praise bestowed upon it, did not in the least exaggerate its merit as a thing of beauty or a medium of instructive or elevating thoughts.

The story of the Old Farmhouse "in back country town" and at last its destruction, decay and lonliness are interestingly told, and will carry many who read it back to their earlier days when they sat by the "wide-spread fire-place, attended huskings" and played blindman's buff in the old kitchen.

The book is not only creditable to the author as a literary work, but also to the Andover Press as furnishing a fine specimen of the printer's art. Its clean, white pages, clear type and general arrangement, are not often, if ever, excelled by older plants. Then the outside dress and the many illustrations give to it an added interest and charm.

The minor poems on varied themes, are marked by a simplicity and pathos which touches the heart as though the author himself knew and felt by experience all that he writes. The book, we are sure, will long live and be highly prized in New England homes, particularly by those who have reached the "sunset of life" and that class also who have felt the burden of sorrow, will find in the tender and sympathetic lines something to comfort the heart amidst the shadows, which changes and bereavements often bring.

OLD FRIEND OF THE AUTHOR.

Andover, Dec. 25th, 1899.

West Parish.

A graphaphone concert was given at the regular meeting of the Grange last Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Morrill entertained a number of their friends at an enjoyable whist party last Saturday evening. The first prizes were won by Miss Bessie Swasey and Mr. Davis, both of Haverhill. J. Warren Mooar captured the "booby" prize. Refreshments were served.

The Ladies' Club of the Grange met yesterday afternoon and evening. In the afternoon the election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. J. Warren Mooar; vice-president, Mrs. N. H. Perkins; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Bailey; working committee, Mrs. Fred M. Hill, chairman, Mrs. Walter H. Coleman, Miss Bertha Chandler, and Mrs. H. K. Flint, Mrs. George L. Burnham, Mrs. James Gillen and Mrs. J. A. Morrill. In the evening the club was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Bailey and Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hill. Included in the evening's entertainment were charades and guessing contests.

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Lawyer Habeas—Wasn't it, though. First time I ever knew two of them to agree.—Columbus Ohio State ournal.

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Elections

At the regular meeting of Shawsheen lodge, No. 21, Degree of Honor, held last Friday evening in A. O. U. W. hall, Main street, the following officers were elected: Past chief of honor, Mrs. R. G. Pemberton; chief of honor, Mrs. Robert W. Taylor; lady of honor, Mrs. William Guard; lady of ceremonies, Mrs. Thomas Kent; recorder, Mrs. Annie Wrigley; receiver, Mrs. J. R. Lewis; financier, Mrs. Mary J. Long; guide, Mrs. T. E. Rhodes; inside watch, Mrs. Fred Hulme; outside watch, Miss Ahern. The lodge is having a set of beautiful banners made to order. They propose to have a degree team composed of the ladies of the lodge.

Officers were elected at the regular meeting of Lincoln Lodge, No. 78, A. O. U. W., last Monday evening as follows: Past master workman, Robert W. Taylor; master workman, Henry V. Lalime; foreman, J. H. Playdon; overseer, James Callahan; recorder, E. E. Trefry; receiver, T. E. Rhodes; financier, Frederick Hulme; guide, John Callahan; inside watchman, Swan Martenson; outside watchman, George C. Foster; representative to grand lodge, Robert W. Taylor; trustee for three years, J. H. Matthews. A "ladies night" is to be held at the A. O. U. W. hall this evening when an entertainment and supper will be in order. All the members of the A. O. U. W. and Degree of Honor are invited to attend. The committee in charge consists of Edward Howarth, Frederick Hulme, John H. Matthews, Henry V. Lalime and Robert W. Taylor.

MARRIAGE BY PROXY.

One of the queerest features of court life in Europe is the marriage by proxy of royal personages. There are at the present moment no less than tree royal ladies who have been thus wedded—the queen regent of Spain, the dowager queen of Portugal and the ex-queen of Naples.

Kings and reigning sovereigns are held to be too important personages to be married any where else than in their own dominions. On the other hand, it is held to be infra dignitatem for a spinster princess of the blood who is about to blossom into a full fledged queen or empress to travel abroad in quest of consort.

In order to meet this difficulty the royal or imperial bridegroom delegates one of the principal nobles of the realm, who goes through the religious and civil portion of the wedding ceremony in the capital of the bride's country on behalf of his master, making the responses for him and tendering his hand, as well as his ring, at the prescribed points of the ceremony. He then accompanies her to his master's dominions, acting as her chief escort.

According to the ideas of the Roman Catholic church, a ceremony of this kind is sufficiently binding upon the bride and upon the royal bridegroom to render any further ceremony, ecclesiastical or civil superfluous and when any additional religious function takes place it usualy takes the form of a Te Deum and a solemn benediction, attended by both husband and wife immediately upon the arrival of the latter in the capital of her adopted country.

WOMEN AND HUMOR.

At last we are beginning to find a really good reason for women lacking in a sense of humor—they are no good for it. Mary Wilkins gives the reason indirectly in a short story, "Susan."

Susan was a good and noble woman, and one of her peculiarities when one came to analyze her was that she never laughed, though she had a wonderful smile. She was one of those rarely, sympathetic, clear sighted, well balanced people who keep themselves and, to a great extent, the world around them straight. She never laughed because, as Miss Wilkins says, "People, in order to laugh at anything, in the face of the misery upon this earth, have to have a streak of bitterness and rebellion in them."

That's it, there is more or less cruelty in so called humor, and women are too tender hearted and sympathetic for it. —New York Times.

Remembered the Postman.

"How would you like to be the Postman?" Well, when one sees him under the burden of a Christmas mail, there doesn't seem to be much to envy, but when the "other story" is told and its burden is so pleasing as the burden of the Christmas story that was told carrier J. H. Blunt in the following letter, it must really be pretty nice. The letter was accompanied by a handsome sum of money, both of which combined showed a hearty appreciation of the good work Mr. Blunt has done as a carrier for Uncle Sam.

Your friends on this postal route (Including Academy students) wish to express their appreciation of your faithful service, and kind, accommodating manner. They ask your acceptance of the enclosed, with their cordial wishes for a happy Christmas and New Year.

Andover, Christmas eve, '99.

And there are a good many friends not on Joe's route who will echo the good wishes expressed above.

Card.

Not knowing all the donors but desiring in some way to acknowledge the generous gift from my friends on Christmas, I take this means of expressing my sincere thanks.

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WOMEN SIT ON THE RIGHT SIDE.

"Have you ever noticed," said a man about town, "that nine women out of ten when they enter a street car invariably take a seat on the right hand side of the car? I have frequently wondered at it, and a solution of the mystery did not occur to me until a few nights ago. I boarded a Girard avenue car which was entirely empty, and sat down in the forward left hand corner. At the next crossing a woman got aboard and sat down opposite me. At the next street two more women got in and took seats alongside of the first. After a time there were seven women in the car, all sitting in a row, leaving me to enjoy alone the comfort of the left hand seats. Then three men jumped aboard and sat down on my side. Finally another woman joined us, and instead of taking a vacant seat near the door on the "ladies' side" she walked the entire length of the car and sat down alongside of me. This eccentricity on her part impelled me to watch her more closely than good manners possibly warranted, but I solved the mystery to my satisfaction. She paid the conductor with her left hand! She was left handed. See? And all the women on the other side were right handed of course. Fact!"—Philadelphia Record.

How Are Your Kidneys?

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Peter the Great was once very neatly caught in a trap by a jester attached to the court. The jester was noted for his cleverness in getting himself and his friends out of difficulties. It happened one day that a cousin of his had incurred the Czar's displeasure and was about to be executed. The jester therefore presented himself before his imperial master to beg for a reprieve. On seeing him approach, the Czar, divining his errand, cried: "It is no good to come here: I swear I will not grant what you are going to ask." Immediately the jester went down on his knees, saying: "I beseech your imperial highness to put that scamp cousin of mine to death." The Czar, thus caught in his own trap, could only laugh and pardon the condemned man.—The Columbian.

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Second Ditto—But what could you expect of the first man. You know it takes three generations to make a gentleman.—New York Journal.

IF HE ONLY REMEMBERED.

Mother—Goodness me! Our Johnnie is beginning to think that he knows more than his parents.

Father—Well, if he remembers the answers to all the questions he used to ask, he ought to know at least as much as we do.—N. Y. Journal.

NOTICE!

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Andover Savings Bank will be held at the Bank on the First Monday of January next, at 2 o'clock P. M., for the choice of Officers, and the transaction of any other business that may legally come before them.

JOHN F. KIMBALL, Clerk.

Andover, December 29, 1899.

ANDOVER NATIONAL BANK.

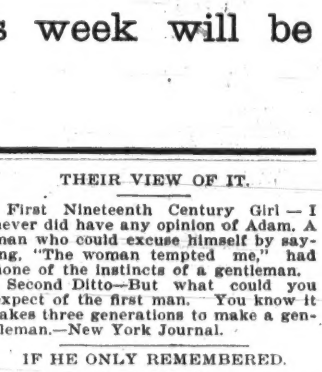
The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Andover National Bank will be held at their banking rooms, on Tuesday, the 9th day of January, 1900, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the choice of Directors and the transaction of any other business that may properly come before them.

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LAWRENCE.

Fanny Parnell circle, C. of F., will hold an installation party in Pythian hall, Friday evening, Jan. 5.

Court Montgomery, F. of A., will hold its regular meeting Friday evening in Pythian hall. The election of officers will take place.

Gov. Bowker colony, U. O. P. F., is making arrangements for a pleasing entertainment to be given in Pilgrim hall Wednesday evening of next week.

There will be an initiation at the special meeting of Liberty Bell council, D. of A., in Black Prince hall, Saturday evening and officers will also be elected for the ensuing term.

The following are newly elected members of the Arion glee club: Adolf Hilbert, president; Herman Toepler, secretary; Robert Rasch, collector; August Toepler, treasurer; John Benker, delegate to the New England Sangerbund.

The Columbia club will hold its fourth annual concert and ball Friday evening, in Caledonian hall, Brechin block. There will be a tug of war between teams from the Columbia club and Cercle Montcalm for a silver cup. Music by Berry's orchestra.

The Socialist Labor society elected the following officers at a recent meeting: President, Fred Tepper; secretary, Edward Tepper; secretary, Edward Schreiber; treasurer, John Zink; librarian, Chris. Koehler; financial committee, U. J. Zink.

Rose Standish colony, 4, U. O. P. F., elected officers last night as follows: Governor, Walter S. Merrill; lieutenant governor, Lydia Beals; secretary, Nora Whatmore; collector, William L. Curtis; treasurer, W. D. Curtis; chaplain, Nellie Foster; sergeant-at-arms, W. H. Barton; deputy sergeant-at-arms, Mary Heffernan; sentinel of outer gate, W. W. Beals; pianist, Minnie Bosworth; representative to supreme colony, W. H. Barton; trustees, W. D. Curtis, P. J. Collins, William H. Barton.

2ND ANNUAL REUNION.

The pupils of the class of '98, L. H. S., held their second annual reunion Tuesday evening in Pilgrim hall, and the event proved a most successful one, socially and financially, as ar esult of the earnest efforts of the committee in charge: Miss Junkins, Miss Brady, Miss Steere, Miss Jewell, Mr. Wells, Mr. Vatter, Mr. Chubb, and Mr. Trees. H. Christopher Chubb officiated as floor director, and other members of the class as aids.

About 8 o'clock, the party began to gather in the hall and there was much hand-shaking and rejoicing as the quondam members of '98 recognized their old classmates. Many non-members of the class were also present to share in the good time and trip the light fantastic toe until midnight.

The hall looked very pretty with its banquet and piano lamps, fire screens, sofa cushion, and fur rugs, displayed in the corners. Music was furnished by the American orchestra and shortly after 10 o'clock the party adjourned to the hall up stairs where dainty refreshments were served by Caterer Lerned. After the intermission, dancing was resumed and continued until 12 o'clock, at which time the merry gathering broke up.

Among those present were the Misses Junkins, Flathers, Mary Steere, Carrie Jewell, Mary Brady, Grace Merrill, Ida Lee, Sadie Wood, Edith Church, Bertha Marston, Phebe Steere, Katherine Daly, Elizabeth Daly, Alice James, Grace Valpey, Bessie Rideout, Emma Ballou, and Messrs. H. Christopher Chubb, Chester Wells, Oliver Trees, Wilbur Vatter, J. William Mahoney, William Burke, Daniel Murphy, Ernest Curran, Will Jaquith, Edward Carney, George Flathers, Clarence Morrison, Messrs McCarthy and McDonald of Haverhill, Henry King, Hermann Cass and Mr. Nesbitt.

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MAY DIE OF BURNS.

About noon Monday while Mrs. Margaret Walsh of 8 Easton street, was preparing her Christmas dinner, she was the victim of a very serious accident, which may prove fatal, as she now lies at the general hospital in a precarious condition.

The woman was alone in the house at the time the accident occurred, and it appears that she used kerosene on the fire, and as a result, the flames burst forth and ignited her dress. She ran to the back piazza and screamed for help and just at that moment her husband Michael Walsh, who is in the employ of the L. L. & H. St. Ry. Co., and her son who upon leaving an electric car, had been attracted by the smoke and flames, rushed to the assistance of the woman who, by this time was a mass of flames. Her husband quickly smothered the latter, but not until the clothing was almost entirely burned from her body and the lower portion of her body badly burned.

The injured woman was removed to the hospital where she was attended by Dr. Birtwell. She was conscious and suffered untold agony. Her lower limbs were terribly burned and her recovery is considered doubtful.

COURT SESSION POSTPONED.

The jury waived session of superior court which was booked to convene in Lawrence on the first Monday of next month, will not come here until the fifth Monday, Jan. 29.

THE RULING PASSION

The clergyman had finished and the organ was pealing forth the sonorous rapture of the Mendelssohn march.

"One moment, George," said the radiant bride, and facing the audience she raised her exquisitely bound, though somewhat bulky prayer book in her daintily gloved hands and pointed it directly at the brilliant audience. There was a sharp click.

"All right George," said the bride; "come along."

And as they marched down the aisle she showed him that the supposed prayer book wasn't a prayer book at all. It was a camera.

"It's my own idea, George," she whispered, "Clever, isn't it?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Frank P. Bennett.

A few days ago the Telegram referred editorially to the candidacy of F. P. Bennett of Saugus for speaker. The context of that editorial did not seem to please the Saugus statesman and his paper in Saugus recently gave it a two column answer, in which the virtues of Mr. Bennett were elaborately rehearsed again. That such rehearsal did not meet with universal approval is shown by the following communication from one of the best known citizens of Saugus:

Cliftondale, Mass., Dec. 27, 1899.
Editor of the Telegram:

Will you kindly permit me space in your paper to correct some statements made presumably by the editor of the only Saugus paper, under date of Dec. 16. While I can not expect a man who has only been a voter about two years, to be familiar with facts concerning the Republican party, it is unfair that he should make statements which are false and misleading to the public.

In the Saugus Herald, issue of the above date, he informs us that Mr. Bennett did not care to be a member of the General Court of 1898, unless he could be returned a third term in order that he might run for the speaker's chair, when it was vacated by Mr. Bates, and that he so informed the town committee. That is false. The writer was a member of the town committee and this statement is either the hallucination of the editor or of the aspirant for the speaker's chair, and this statement can be substantiated by many other gentlemen who were members of the same committee and whose word would be accepted throughout the state.

Further on, he tells us that Mr. Bennett has rendered loyal and active service to the district. Why did he not name some of the wonderful services with which he alone is familiar? We have heard this often said, but have never been told what service has been rendered. The most he has done is what he has told us that he was going to do if he got re-elected, viz: that he would get $100,000 for the town of Saugus. Now no one would be more pleased to have Mr. Bennett get that Klondike from the legislature than the writer, if it could be done legitimately.

Further on we are told that during July and August certain influences connected with the Bay State Gas Co., were actively at work in ward 6 of Lynn, endeavoring to get a candidate to run against Mr. Bennett. If that is true, only Mr. Bennett and the editor referred to, knows it, and they have not one particle of evidence to substantiate it, and if either of the gentlemen just named would infer that Mr. Babb was the candidate chosen by the Bay State Gas Co., they intentionally falsify.

Further on we are told that "the opposition to Mr. Bennett did not dare to show its head in the Saugus caucus." The writer don't know what "dare" means, but he, for one, stayed away from the caucus because he was unwilling to go there and support candidates that he believed were politically corrupt, and the reason why Mr. Bennett received 466 votes at that caucus, is best known to Mr. Bennett and his henchmen, and best accounted for by their methods. Further on we are told of the Donohoe story. If half of the Donohoe story is true, why does not Mr. Bennett bring in a civil suit which cannot come up for months, if at all. Instead of evading it he should be ashamed to ask any member of the legislature to vote for him for speaker until he has proved himself worthy of what he asks.

We are told further of the loyal support Mr. Bennett got at the polls, but nothing is said as to whether it was Republican or Democratic support. Which one of the two did he cater to the more? Again, the only Saugus editor tells us that three Republicans in Saugus for personal spite to Mr. Bennett, because the latter voted for a certain gentleman for chairman of the R. T. C., in preference to another candidate, saw fit to oppose Mr. Bennett's candidacy.

I say the editor is either misleading or ignorant of the truth. Mr. Bennett told the writer that the candidate for chairman was his selection and choice, and the writer may give Mr. Bennett credit of being ignorant at the time, that his chosen candidate for chairman of the R. T. C. had been a member of the Democratic town committee less than two and a half years before that, and offered the writer his future and everlasting friendship if he would abide by the choice, and further on this same editor came to the writer and in the presence of others brought a communication to the writer purporting to emanate from Mr. Bennett, offering to support the writer for selectman the following spring, if he, the latter, would abide by Mr. Bennett's choice for chairman.

Now if the writer's statement is true, and he defies proof to the contrary, the editor's story (who less than three years ago had never seen anything in this country as good as he had left in the old, and who with much reluctance severed his allegiance to the Crown, and who in a short space of time has become a power in one side only of politics, and who is now a member of the 1900 R. T. C. of Saugus, the citizens having been obliged to vote for him or nobody), and last but not least a strong Bennett supporter, is a dictation of some one interested, or a fabrication of his own mind. I presume the writer is one of the three Republicans alluded to in our editor's fairy story, and he wishes to say that the only reason why he opposed Mr. Bennett's third term, is because he don't believe in Mr. Bennett's methods, and the fact that a change of 5 votes would have made one of the strongest Republican precincts a Democratic one, shows that others are of the same opinion as the writer.

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DEATH RECORD.

Hannah Rowley, wife of Thomas Rowley of 243 Ferry street, died at her home Sunday noon, aged 58 years. She had been paralyzed for the past 20 years and had been a great sufferer. Her condition was brought on by injuries received at the time of the falling of the Pemberton mills in 1860.

The deceased was born in England, but has lived here since 1856, and was a very well known and esteemed woman.

The funeral will take place tomorrow at 2 p. m., and Rev. Mr. Curl of the Garden street church will officiate. Interment will be in Bellevue cemetery.

Henry Bassett of Bennett street, an employe at Payson & Dane's laundry, met with a severe accident Tuesday morning, while at his work. In some way his clothing got caught in a belt and he sustained injuries to his right side and left ankle.

He was removed to the general hospital where he received treatment.

DIVIDEND AT ATLANTIC.

The Atlantic mills has declared a dividend, number 71, of $2 per share, payable Jan. 1, 1900, to all stockholders of record, Dec. 26, 1899.

For Forgery.

Mrs. Alma Donovan, wife of Frank F. Donovan, was locked up Tuesday morning by Patrolman John J. Keileher on a warrant for the Haverhill police, alleging forgery.

The woman, it will be remembered, was arrested June 23, last, on compiaint of her step-mother who charged her with the larceny of a bank book on the Haverhill Savings bank, and drawing some $260 therefrom. She was tried in the superior court and was put on probation. Since then she has been living with her husband, Frank F. Donovan, and so far has led an upright life. It is alleged however that at the time she drew the money from the bank she presented a forged order and it is for this offense that she is now to be tried.

She was taken to Haverhill this afternoon by Inspector Durgin of that city and her case will be heard in the police court there tomorrow morning.

Lawyer E. P. Morton of this city will represent her, and it is probable that she will plead not guilty, waive examination, when the case will go to the superior court.

A TERRIBLE FALL.

A very sad accident happened at the Ashton house Monday morning about 1 o'clock and resulted fatally for Dale Armstrong, a well known showman.

He occupied a room on the fourth floor of the building in which he met his death about 1 o'clock, while on his way to his chamber, having almost reached the top floor, he evidently lost his footing and fell over the balustrade. The staircase from the first to the top floor is a winding one and as the body of the unfortunate man came tumbling down to the ground floor, it struck on the railing at every floor and finally rolled down the front stairway to the street door.

The noise aroused several of the guests at the house, who rushed to the hall only to find the terribly injured man, who received a number of head wounds from which the blood was pouring, breathing his last.

The police were quickly notified of the tragedy and Medical Examiner Howe was summoned. The latter ordered the remains taken to Colby's undertaking rooms, where it was found that the man's neck was broken by the fall resulting in almost instantaneous death.

Armstrong, who has roomed at the Ashton house during the four months he has been in this city, has been employed at the Columbia theatre. He was almost 45 years old and had been in the show business for the past 25 years. His home is in Philadelphia.

CANOBIE LAKE.

About 8.30 o'clock Tuesday evening, the lifeless body of Alex. Brewer of Lawrence, was found lying near the tracks at Canobie, N. H. The young man who is 22 years of age, has been assisting his father to build a woodchopper's camp at that place, and it appears that he was hurrying to catch the Lawrence train last evening when the fatality occurred.

His feet and legs are badly mangled and his head stove in on one side.

Undertaker Couture was notified and will bring the remains to this city this afternoon. The young man resides on Valley street and was quite well known.

AN ACROBATIC DINER.

One of the most pompous men about the hotel was at the same time a person of whom none of the other guests knew anything. Not even the clerk could tell what the great man did for a living or what special warrant there was for his arrogant and superior bearing. But he was certainly proud of himself.

Finally one of the victims of his majesty, as they had come to call him, found the great man at dinner and brought back with him to the fold in the lobby of the hotel all the information they required.

"He's proud of the way he eats," was the message.

"Why, what is there about it?"

"Well, sir, that man is able to go through a four course dinner without taking either elbow from the table. He sets them firmly on the cloth, each near one side or the other of his plate, and feeds himself with equal facility with either hand. The manner in which he can get that right hand down in a dish, load the knife with food and convey it to his mouth without moving his elbow is a miracle. It is a wonder. He is the most remarkable contortionist I ever saw. No wonder he is proud."—Chicago Post.

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Twelfth Century Tablecloths.

In the twelfth century the tablecloths were very large and were always laid on the table double. For a long time they were called "doublers" for that reason. The cloth was first placed so as to touch the floor on the side of the table at which the guests sat. Then all the cloth that remained was folded so that it covered the table.

Charles V had 67 tablecloths which were from 15 to 20 yards long and 2 yards wide. He had one cloth which was 32 yards long, and that had the arms of France embroidered on it in silk. All of these were fringed.

In the sixteenth century, "doublers," or double cloths, were replaced by two tablecloths, one of which was small and was laid just as we lay ours today.

The other, which was put on over it, was large and of beautifully figured linen. It was skillfully folded in such a way that, as a book of that time says, "it resembled a winding river, gently ruffled by a little breeze, for among very many little folds were here and there great bubbles."

It must have required much art and care to make dishes, plates, saltcellars, sauce dishes and glasses stand steadily in the midst of this undulating sea and among those "bubbles" and puffy folds.

However, the fashion had only a short existence, as is apt to be the case with unpractical fashions, and toward the latter part of the century a single cloth, laid flat and touching the floor on all sides of the table, came into general use.—Youth's Companion.

TABLE TALK.

A learned physician says that table talk has more to do with one's health than is ever dreamed of.

A harsh word spoken at the table, or an unkind thrust, frequently spoils the whole meal.

The influence of a quiet genial temper upon the stomach is one of the curious facts about digestion. Blessed are the story-tellers, for they help us digest our dinner.

Praise the cook. Good cooks are said to be almost as sensitive as good actors. This is a fact that master and mistress might recognize with profit, for praise will stimulate to a development of hidden abilities.

A cheerful face and a light heart are friends to a long life, and nowhere do they serve us better than at the table. God ordained that we should enjoy eating.

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TWO LADIES OF FASHION MEET.

A family living in a North Side flat welcomed a new housemaid last week. The girl had just come from Michigan, and her appearance was prepossessing. Soon after her advent it was discovered that she was inclined to treat the family with a patronizing air.

"Mary, you must do better, or I shall have to find some one to take your place," the mistress remarked the other morning.

"I don't allow any one to speak to me that way," replied Mary, with a toss of her head. "I'm just as good as you are, and I want you to know it."

Mary flounced out of the room and returned in two minutes with the weekly paper from her town. Among the social items was the following:

"Miss Mary Hanson has gone to Chicago to spend the winter. Miss Hanson is an acknowledged belle in the leading circles of Sawdust Creek."

Mary waited until her employer had had time to read the "personal," and then she said with withering scorn:

"As I have always been accustomed to going with the best in my town and as I don't believe you ever have your name on the society page of the Sunday papers I guess I can't afford to stay with you."

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LOWELL TO ANDOVER. A. M. 6.50 ar. 8 19; 8.30 ar. 8.57; 9.25 ar. 10.21; 10.50 ar. 11.28. P. M. 12.05 ar. 12.40; 2.30 ar. 3.02; 3.55 ar. 4 41; 5.15 ar. 5.50; 6.15 ar. 6.49; 7.00 ar 7.31; 9.25 ar. 10.22; 11.25‖ ar. 11.58‖. SUNDAY: A. M. 8.15 ar. 9.02. P. M. 12.05 ar. 12.44; 5.30 ar. 6.06; 7.45 ar. 8.01.

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ANDOVER TO LAWRENCE. A.M. 6.55, 8.19, 8.57, 10.24, 11.28. P. M. 12.40, 1.00, 3.02, 4.08, 4.41, 5.50, 6.25, 6.49, 7.31, 7.54, 10.22, 11.58. SUNDAY, A. M. 9.02. P. M. 12.48, 3.05, 6.06, 6 45, 8.03.

LAWRENCE TO ANDOVER. A.M. *5.40, *7.25, *7.30, *7.55, *8.07, *9.04, *10.10, *10.55, 11.55. P. M. 12.25, *1.00 *2.30, *4.05, *5.35, 7.08, *9.32.

SUNDAY: A.M. *7.25, *8.15 P. M. *12.10, 1.20, *5.35, *5.46, 7 37, 7.48

ANDOVER TO SALEM, MASS. A.M. 6.55Y, ar. 8.47; 7.43X ar. 8.40; P.M. 12.40Y ar. 1.57; 1.18X ar. 2.33; 5.50Y ar. 7.00; 5.46X ar. 6.51.

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6.15 p.m. from Lawrence, Methuen and North.
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6.30 p.m. for Lawrence.
9.30 p. m. for Boston, New York, South and West.

Around the County.

COUNTY NOTES.

Arrangements have been made to start a large creamery at West Newbury.

The city council of Gloucester has voted to hire $70,000 to pay this year's deficiency.

Dr. C. F. Marshall of Lynn announces that R. G. Spunney died of pneumonia and not from excessive cigarette smoking as alleged.

At the Newburyport public library last year 38,996 books were taken out by borrowers. Of this number 79 per cent were books of fiction.

Representative Mills of Newburyport who was a candidate for speaker of the state legislature has so far recovered from his sickness as to be able to be about.

A letter from Capt. W. C. Dow of Haverhill who is with the 43d regiment, was received yesterday by S. A. Dow, his father. The letter was written Dec. 1, at Suez and announced that Capt. Dow was in excellent health. He also gave an interesting account of the voyage in the letter. The trip from New York to Suez occupied one month.

BODY RECOVERED.

NEWBURYPORT, Dec. 26—The body of Capt. William Q. Pettingill master of the steamer Laura Marion, which foundered on the Newburyport bars Saturday night, was washed ashore today and was recovered by Surfman Laggerman of the Plum Island life saving station.

Wrecking Master McKay and members of the Plum Island crew visited the Marion's hull today and removed the engine and some of the fittings. They hope to save the boiler also. The hull is a complete wreck.

The schooner Charles F. Atwood ashore on Salisbury point, will probably be a total loss. Last night the waves were breaking over her and Capt. Taylor and crew of the Salisbury beach station went off and brought the sailors who had been left aboard to shore. The Atwood was built at Essex in 1866, was owned by a Mr. Cashman of Lynn, and was used in carrying sand between this port, Ipswich and Lynn.

LOWELL, Dec. 26—The Lowell board of aldermen tonight thoroughly threshed out the question of permitting rival telephone companies to do business in Lowell, and gave all the petitioners leave to withdraw. The petitioners were the Globe Telephone company and the Massachusetts Telephone company.

The board granted the Lowell & Suburban Street Railroad company locations in Third, Beech, Tenth and Beacon streets.

As a cure for rheumatism Chamberlain's Pain Balm is gaining a wide reputation. D. B. Johnston of Richmond, Ind., has been troubled with that ailment since 1862. In speaking of it he says: "I never found anything that would relieve me until I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It acts like magic with me. My foot was swollen and paining me very much, but one good application of Pain Balm relieved me." For sale by Arthur Bliss' Andover; C. H. Shattuck, Ballardvale.

ODD ITEMS FROM EVERWHERE.

At the Strozzi palace in Rome, there is a book made of marble the leaves being of marvelous thinness.

A clergman in English, Ind., refuses to pay a poll tax on the ground that he belongs to the church and is therefore church property, the same as a church or a pastoral residence.

The swords of Damascus were world-famous 500 years before the Christian era.

A fox and a hound belonging to a gentleman in Kennebec, Me., are affectionate companions and constantly sport and sleep with each other. When both were young they were placed together and have ever since continued frolicsome comrades.

Queen Victoria makes her own tea. It is black and costs about $1.15 a pound.

The speed of a carrier pigeon in calm weather is 1200 yards a minute. With a brisk wind prevailing and blowing in the direction of its flight a pigeon has been known to make 1900 yards a minute.

One of the happiest places in the world is said to be located at Orsa, in Sweden. The community has in course of a generation, sold nearly $5,000,000 worth of trees, and by means of judicious replanting, has provided for a similar income every 30 or 40 years. In consequence of this commercial wealth there are no taxes. Railways, telephones, etc are free, and so are schoolhouses, teaching, and many other things.

The "walking fish" of Santa Catalina channel, California, is a member of the pediculati, tribe, and has congeners among the gulf weed of the Mexican gulf. Its pectoral fins are shaped so as to serve for legs, and it can rest on them so as to snap its prey. It builds a nest of seaweed.

The newly founded town of Triangle, Tex., promises to be unique. It is laid out in the form of an equilateral triangle, its lots are triangular in shape and the ground plan of each of the 23 houses which have thus far been erected there is three-cornered. The three principal streets are named Equilateral Scalene and Isosceles, and the residents have even carried their curious ideas into the local government, which consists of a so-called triangular council, having three members.

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METHUEN.

Perley D. Sawyer has given up his position as clerk in the postoffice to accept one at the Pemberton mills, Lawrence. John Doran succeeds him here.

District Deputy Grand Master A. H. Clark and suite will go to Haverhill next Monday evening and install the officers-elect of Mutual Relief lodge, 83, I. O. O. F.

Miss Alice W. Emerson, one of the teachers in the High school at West Winsted, Conn., is spending the holiday vacation at the home of her parents, Hon. and Mrs. Jacob Emerson on Hampshire street.

Miss Annie Flint of Danvers is visiting Miss Jennie H. Gordon at the home of the latter's parents on Osgood street. Both young ladies are teachers in Tapleyville, a village in Danvers, and are now enjoying a short vacation.

Methuen grange, Patrons of Husbandry held a special meeting Tuesday evening and elected Mrs. Nellie Cook as lecturer in place of Miss Cora Stevens who had been previously chosen and who declined to serve. The installation will probably take place Thursday evening, Jan. 4.

There were Christmas trees at the Methodist Episcopal church Saturday night, at the Congregational church yesterday afternoon, and at the Baptist church in the evening. At all, the trees were heavily laden with gifts for the little ones whose hearts were made glad. There were also many presents for the grown people. The different churches were decorated with a profusion of evergreens. The Universalist society will hold its Christmas observance for the little ones at the hall on Hampshire street this evening.

Religious services by the Arlington Heights residents were held Sunday afternoon at the residence of Alfred Newsholme on Lowell street and were largely attended. J. C. Teale conducted the exercises in the absence of W. R. Dyson and special Christmas music was rendered. Prayer was offered by J. Briggs and an interesting address was made by Superintendent of Schools Rev. A .E. White, who spoke of the Christmas season, and the home missionary work, which was being done by the Primitive Methodist people in establishing these services. H. H. Crompton presided at the piano.

Kearsarge lodge, Knights of Pythias held a regular meeting in Pythian hall, Tuesday night and elected officers for the next semi-annual term as follows: Chancellor Commander, Arlon Davis; vice chancellor, Thomas Dow; prelate, Frank A. Gordon; master of work, Geo. A. Hunting; keeper of records and seal, Fred Mitchell, P. C.; master of finance, Eudorus H. Leavitt, P. C.; master of exchequer, George E. Townsend; master at arms, Edward E. Plant; inner guard, Joseph Kohler; outer guard, William A. White; representative to the grand lodge for two years, A. H. Clark, P. C.; trustee for three years, Sidney Poore, P. C. It is expected that the installation will take place Tuesday evening, Jan. 9. Deputy Grand Chancellor John Thornber of Lowell being the installing officer.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proved catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney, & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address,

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UNTIMELY DEATH.

Albert F. Snell, son of Mrs. George C. Snell was drowned in a pond on the Shirley farm in the eastern part of the town sometime between Friday and Sunday morning.

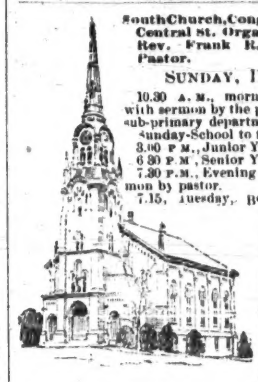
The young man had been subject to fits for a number of years. Friday morning he started out gunning and not returning at night, his relatives became alarmed and a searching party was sent out to learn his whereabouts if possible. They searched the woods in the near neighborhood nearly all night but without learning anything of him. Saturday morning Chief of Police Gordon was notified of his absence and another searching was instituted and a thorough search was made, but still without avail, and not until about 10 o'clock Sunday forenoon was he found. The discovery was made by a son of John A. Shirley, who saw the body of Snell lying in a pool of water, face downward. There were no marks or bruises upon the body and the theory is that he was taken with a fit and fell forward on his face and being unable to rise, was drowned.

Mr. Snell was born in this town, and had always lived here. He was a jeweler, but had been unable to follow his trade for a number of years on account of ill health. For some years before he gave up work he was in the jewelry business with Samuel A. Macknown in Lawrence. He was quite well known and had many friends who will deeply deplore his death. For the past six or eight years he had lived a quiet life at home, on account of his health. He leaves a mother, Mrs. George C. Snell, three sisters and four brothers to mourn his loss. The funeral was held this afternoon at the house, Rev. W. E. Gibbs officiating. Interment was in Walnut Grove cemetery.

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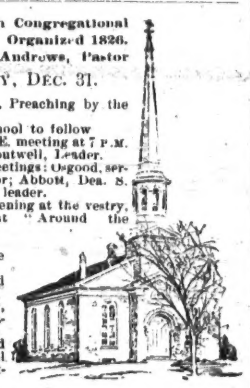
ANDOVER CHURCHES.



South Church, Congregational Central St. Organized 1711. Rev. Frank R. Shipman, Pastor.

SUNDAY, DEC. 31.

10.30 A. M., morning worship, with sermon by the pastor. Also, sub-primary department.
Sunday-School to follow.
3.00 P M., Junior Y.P.S.C.E.
6.30 P.M., Senior Y.P.S.C.E
7.30 P.M., Evening worship, sermon by pastor.
7.15, Tuesday, Boys' Brigade Company.
Wednesday 3.00, Mothers' meeting. 7.45, Preparatory lecture.
Thursday, 2.30, Ladies' Charitable Society.
7.30 P.M., Courteous Circle



West Parish Congregational Church. Organized 1826. Rev. G. A. Andrews, Pastor

SUNDAY, DEC. 31.

10.30 A. M., Preaching by the pastor.
Sunday-school to follow
Y. P. S C. E. meeting at 7 P.M. Winthrop Boutwell, Leader.
District meetings: Osgood, sermon by pastor; Abbott, Dea. S. H. Boutwell, leader.
Tuesday evening at the vestry, entertainment "Around the world in eighty minutes" by the Social Com of Church Aid Society.
Wednesday, 7.30, Preparatory Lecture to be followed by the Annual Church meeting.



Christ Church, Episcopal, Central Street Organized 1835. Rev. Frederic Palmer. Rector.

SERVICES, SUNDAY, DEC. 31.

10.30 A.M., Morning Prayer, with sermon by the Rector.
12 00 A.M., Sunday School.
7.00 P. M., Litany Service (choral), with sermon by the Rector.
Monday, Girls' Friendly Society, 7.30 P.M.
Thursday, 3 00 P.M., Ladies' Benevolent Society at Parish House.

Free Church, Congregational, Railroad St. Organized 1846. Rev. Frederic A. Wilson, Pastor.

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 31.

10.30 A. M. Worship with sermon by the pastor.
Sunday-school to follow the morning service.
3 00 P.M., preaching in Frye Village hall by the pastor and special music by the choir.
3.00 P.M. Junior Endeavor Society.
6 15P M.. Senior Endeavor Society.
7.15 P.M., Praise and social service. Subject, "Lessons from the Closing Year."
7 15 P.M., Tuesday, meeting of the Boys' Brigade Company.
7 45 P.M., Wednesday, service preparatory to Communion
3.00 P.M., Thursday, Mothers' meeting at the home of Mrs. J. Newton Cole, with address by Mr. G. E. Johnson.



Baptist Church, cor. of Essex and Central Sts., Organized 1858. Rev. F. W. Klein Pastor.

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 31.

10.30 A. M. Public Worship, with sermon by pastor.
Sunday-School to follow the morning service.
3.00 P.M., Meeting of Junior Society C. E.
6.15 P.M., Consecration Meeting of Senior Society C. E.
7.00 P.M., Our last social Prayermeeting in 1899.
Wednesday, 7.45 P.M., Church Covenant and Business meeting.



St. Augustine's Church, Roman Catholic Essex St. Organized 1850. Rev. Fr O'Mahoney, Pastor.

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 31.

8.30 A.M. Mass and short sermon.
10.30 A.M., High Mass and sermon.
2.00 P.M., Sunday school until further notice.
3.00 P.M., Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.
First Sunday of each month, Communion day for Sacred Heart Sodality.
Second Sunday of each month, Communion day for children.
Third Sunday of each month, Communion day. Rosary and Arch Confraternity.

GOOD DEED.

A clever young lady school teacher averted a fire panic in her school in New York city Wednesday. A big fire suddenly enveloped a large building adjoining the school house and the pupils cried out in alarm. A panic seemed imminent. But the young woman with great presence of mind called out the order for the fire drill. Steadily the scholars marched to their assembly room on the floor below. "This is fine," said Miss Fitzgerald the acting principal. "I want you to notice how beautifully the colors of the smoke blend. Isn't it a beautiful sight!" The scholars looked and forgot their fear and marched slowly out of the building at regular step. Is the "fire drill" once practiced in Maine still kept up? If not it should be, as it was one of the best regulations ever inaugurated in the school discipline.

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BALLARDVALE.

Ballardvale Churches.

UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Rev. Edwin Smith, Pastor. Services for Sunday, Dec 31.

10.30 a. m. Worship with sermon by the pastor. Subject, "The Irrevocable Past."
Sunday School to follow.
2.00 p. m. Meeting of Juniors.
6.00 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. Consecration Meeting.
7.00 p. m. Christmas service by the children.
7.30 p. m. Monday evening, New Year's Reception at parsonage.
7.30 p. m. Thursday evening prayer meeting.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Rev. Thomas Livingston, pastor. Services for Sunday, Dec. 31.

10.30 a. m. Worship with sermon by Rev. Herbert Dow of Wilmington.
11.30 a. m. Sunday School.
6.00 p. m. Epworth League meeting.
7.00 p. m. Sunday School concert.
7.30 p. m. Tuesday evening prayer meeting.
7.30 p. m. Thursday, Ladies' Aid Society.

Miss Anna Downs is spending her Christmas vacation in Concord, N. H.

Joseph Clinton of Trenton, N. J., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Sarah Clinton

Miss Margaret Masterson of Boston, spent Christmas with relatives in the village.

Mrs. W. H. Greene and daughter, Miss Jessie F. Greene, spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. G. K. Dodge.

Miss Mary Davidson of Boston, spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Nathan Shattuck, Chester street.

Mr. and Mrs. John Garvin of Haverhill spent Christmas with Mrs. Mary Galvin, Chester street.

Miss Hattie Wakefield of Lowell has been spending several days with her friend, Miss Anna Davies, Lowell street.

Joseph Shaw appeared at church last Sunday morning wearing a fine button hole bouquet of pansies that he had picked from his garden.

Some mischievous person last Thursday, near the Ballardvale station, threw a stone through the window of the milk car, on the Manchester express, which passes through the Vale about 12.50 p. m. The matter is in the hands of the police.

Last Saturday evening, the Congregational Sunday school held their Christmas tree exercises in Bradlee hall and the Methodist Sunday school held their Christmas tree exercises in their church. There was a large and appreciative audience at both places. The exercises, singing and recitations by the children, were exceptionally fine and were the result of the painstaking and careful drilling by the committees in charge. The trees presented a soul-cheering sight. But the climax was reached when Santa Claus appeared and the delight and joy of the children knew no bounds. No better times were ever held by the schools.

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Edward Daley has accepted a position in Merrimac.

Mrs. Kate Mears of Somerville spent Christmas with relatives in the village.

Last Saturday James Scott shot a fine fox near the Joseph Russell place, Scotland district.

Mr. and Mrs. Manley Barber spent Christmas with relatives in Newmarket, N. H.

Miss Georgie Herrick of Somerville, spent Sunday and Monday with relatives in the Vale.

John Pickles of Pawtucket, R. I., has been spending several days with friends in the Village.

Horace S. Neal with his wife and mother, Mrs. Neal, spent Christmas with relatives in Lowell.

Mrs. Perrin Parkhurst of Malden, spent Tuesday with her son, Frank Parkhurst, Center street.

Miss Lizzie Lane of Lawrence, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lane, Lowell street.

Miss Hattie Hoffman of Lawrence, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Hoffman, Andover street.

Ballardvale Lodge, No. 105, postponed their debate to next Monday evening, Jan 1. All Good Templars are invited.

Mrs. M. W. Dearborn and son, Henry F. Dearborn of Lawrence, were the guests Christmas of Rev. Edwin Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Shaw and daughter, Miss Nettie, spent Christmas with their son, J. Edwin Shaw in Portsmouth, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Parker and child of Providence, R. I., have been the guests for several days of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Clemons, Marland street.

A good sized delegation from the local society will attend the meeting of the Andover C. E. Union, to be held at the South church, Andover, this evening.

Christmas exercises were in order and games were indulged in at the Bradlee school last Friday morning, and the teachers and pupils exchanged presents as usual.

Rev. Edwin Smith and wife will give a New Year's reception to their people at the parsonage next Monday evening, Jan. 1, from 7.30 to 10 o'clock. A cordial invitation to attend is extended to all.

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North Andover News.

Miss Fannie Hayes has been visiting friends in Worcester.

Student Harry Clark of Brown college is enjoying the recess at home.

Miss Ethel Jacobs has returned to her home in Peabody, for the vacation time.

Miss Ethel King is visiting at the home of her brother on Marblehead street.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gile entertained family relatives by a Christmas day gathering.

Mrs. Lydia Beck of St. Johnsbury, has been the recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Morgan.

"God's Christmas Gifts" was the topic of Rev. J. F. Mears' Sunday morning sermon.

Arthur Greene and family of Philadelphia, are guests at the home of Edward W. Greene.

Prof. and Mrs. S. De., Gage and family spent the recent holiday with relatives in Haverhill.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bennett were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Stansfield of Haverhill over Christmastide.

Mrs. Jennie Crosby and Miss Olive Crosby are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. F. E. Weil.

Mr. King's pupils presented him with a gold charm with his initials engraved thereon, at the close of the term.

A literary and musical entertainment will be given under the auspices of the class of 1900 J. H. S., at Stevens hall, January 12; admission 25 cents.

There was a pleasant Christmas gathering at the home of Constable Harris Monday. Ten members of the family enjoyed the day together.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Sutton entertained Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jacobs of Peabody and Mrs. Lefavour, as Christmas guests.

Miss Mary Hainsworth of the Friends School, Providence, R. I., is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Hainsworth of Marblehead street.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Ingalls and Miss Sarah Ingalls have returned from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Hutchinson in Beverly-by-the-depot.

Constable Harris has received a superior court venire with instructions to draw a traverse juror for the criminal term to be held in Salem, January 15.

Miss Maude Cole, organist at the Methodist church has resigned her position to take effect January 1, having accepted the position of organist at seminary chapel, Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cook, Mrs. Arthur Cook and son of Billerica and Mrs. Elizabeth Abbott of Reading have been recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Holt.

It is said that an effort will be made at the forthcoming town meeting to have the town purchase or make payment for the land on which the Eben Sutton engine house is located.

Hon. and Mrs. M. T. Stevens entertained Dist. Attorney and Mrs. Oliver Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. D. Smith, of Boston, and Mrs. S. S. Hunting of Quincy, at Osgood Hall, during the recent holidays.

Alvin Stiles, a pupil of Prof. Newcomb of Boston, was highly complimented upon the manner in which he rendered a soprano solo at the Christmas song service in Grace church, Lawrence, Sunday.

Robert Brown of the Ellis farm, while engaged in the act of pig-sticking, met with a painful accident Friday. During the struggles of the animal Mr. Brown plunged the knife through the fleshy part of his other hand. The gashes were severe.

Supt. George E. Duffy of Stevens mill and family spent Christmas in Franklin, N. H. Mr. Duffy returned Tuesday evening and Mrs. Duffy will briefly continue her visit. On the morning of Mr. Duffy's return there was sufficient snow for sleighing in the New Hampshire town.

Miss Kate Johnson has caused to be printed and bound a collection of poems and other literary productions of her brother, the late Dr. Samuel Johnson. The compilation of the material and the design of the cover show the artistic taste of Miss Johnson. She has distributed the little volumes among friends as holiday gifts.

Hazen Symonds, who formerly occupied the Amos D. Carleton farm and who recently visited North Reading on business after an absence of 30 years in California, died quite suddenly Friday, at the home of relatives in Reading. Deceased was about 60 years of age and was the brother of Frederick Symonds of this town.

A visit to the cemetery on Sunday revealed the fact that it is becoming the custom to put Christmas wreaths on the graves of departed relatives and friends—wreaths of holly, evergreen, laurel, were seen in greater numbers than heretofore. One of the unusual sights was that of pansies in full bloom just outside the wall surrounding the lot of Mrs. J. M. Stone.

A pleasant Christmas incident occurred in the South district Monday. Several neighborly people turned out and made a friendly attack on the woodpile of John Jenkins just across the line and axes and saws were in happy accord in reducing the pile to fuel for the winter. The act was a kindly deed—just an act for Christmas observance—and the beneficiary was equally surprised and delighted with the circumstance and fully appreciative of the spirit which prompted the deed.

The teachers and pupils of the Merrimac school presented Miss Condon with an illustrated copy of Venice,—its history, art, industries, and modern life, by Charles Yriarte. The book was bound in green and gilt. They also gave her two volumes of Romola, by George Eliot, Florentine edition, bound in red and white. The three books were published by Henry T. Coates of Philadelphia.

The names of those personally interested in the recent petition to the selectmen requesting that a special meeting of the voters be called to act upon the matter of electing a single highway surveyor who shall have charge of the department of highways without being subject to the authority or direction of the selectmen are as follows: Virum B. Watts, Moses A. Dow, C. Jensen, M. T. Wadlin, Hans Christensen, H. C. Kincaid, Patrick Harrington, Henry McCarthy, Charles McCarthy, John Ryan, J. L. Murphy, Walter Murphy, Jere Murphy, John Murphy, John Haverty, J. F. Connors, Alonza Bixby, C. A. Dame, H. B. Foster, E. T. Balfrey, Willard Handy, F. A. Coan, C. M. Sanborn, W. J. Toohey.

Christmas Observances

Christmas ceremonials, exercises and fetes have been the rule recently and the festive season has been somewhat prolonged, some choosing to celebrate the occasion on Saturday while others preferred Monday evening for the same purpose.

A leading feature of the Sunday observance at the Unitarian church was the special Christmas song service directed by Chorister F. C. Plummer. The parts were finely taken by Miss Gertrude Copp, soprano, Mrs. N. B. Russell, contralto, Daniel Taylor, tenor, F. C. Plummer, basso, all Lawrence talent. Miss Mabel Pierce of Methuen presided at the organ very pleasingly. The selections included:

Voluntary, March, Wely
Anthem, "O Holy Child of Bethlehem," G. W. Chadwick
Response, "Hear Our Prayer," John Adcock
Anthem, "There Were Shepherds," C. P. Morrison
Postlude, "Triumphal March," Mendelssohn

Rev. Charles Noyes preached an appropriate sermon on "Christian Patriotism."

In the Unitarian vestry Saturday after a supper for the children the Christmas tree was lighted by Moses T. Stevens, Jr., and, after an address by Pastor Noyes, giving the signification of Christmas, gifts were distributed to each member of the Sunday school. The following program was then presented:

Poem, "Christmas Comes But Once a Year," E. F. Carleton
Composition, "Christmas," Alice Rea
Christmas Songs: Chorus led by Miss Driver
Song: Marion and Alice Rea
Recitation: "Christmas in Norway," Violet Driver
Recitation: "Christmas in Sweden," Fanny Goodhue
Christmas Songs: Chorus
Recitation, "Landing of the Pilgrims," Violet Oates
Tableaux: "Little Pilgrims," "John Alden and Priscilla," "Evangeline."
Recitation: "The Way it Goes," (Aunt Clara) Emily M. Oates
Song: "We'd Better Bide a Wee," Miss C. A. Kydd
Recitation: "Them Piper Young Ones," Mrs. J. H. Rea
Dialogue: "Christmas Slippers, with the following cast:
The New Minister (young and handsome) Arthur Farnum
Salina Hunter, Miss Dollie Farnum
Flossie Carryon, Miss Ida Carleton
Widow Williams, Miss Cecilia Kydd
Sappo Smith, Miss Mabel Fuller
Christina Warble, Miss Anna Tucker
Marcia Ware, Miss Emily Oates
Mrs. Allan, Miss Mary E. Towne

The program was conducted by Miss Emily F. Carleton and for the most creditable presentation of the various numbers she was warmly congratulated. The supper was served by Mrs. John H. Rea, and the committee in charge of the festival consisted of Misses Emily F. Carleton, Emily Oates, Emily Driver.

Supt. Edmunds of the Methodist church conducted an excellent concert, Christmas eve, but the unpropitious weather kept many from enjoying it, therefore it will be repeated Sunday evening, at 6.30 o'clock. The program was as follows:

Organ Voluntary, Miss Sarah Puddington
Anthem, "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing," Choir
Song, "Sweet Christmas Time," School
Invocation, Rev. J. F. Mears
Response, Choir
Song, "Wake the Happy Echoes," School
Recitation, Pearl Paul
Recitation, Ethel Dimery
Responsive reading, Supt. Edmunds and School
Recitation, Oletha Smith
Song, "No Room for the King," School
Recitation, Mabel Matheson
Welcome, Scott Paul
Song, Primary scholars
Recitation, Miss Grace Cheney
Song, School
Recitation, School
Anthem, "Hail the King," Greta Littlefield
Responsive reading, Supt. and school
Song, Primary scholars
Song, "Sing a Song of Gladness," School
Exercise, Miss Jenness' class
Recitation, Marian Matheson
Recitation, Elsie Dimery
Song, School
Exercise, Miss Hayes' class
Recitation, Susie McBride
Song, "I Bring You Good Tidings," School
Declamation, Alex Miller
Declamation, Selwyn Wagner
Remarks by pastor,
Song, School

The church was prettily decorated with evergreen festoons and wreaths, and on the organ front appeared the words—"A Merry Christmas," in white on a large background of greenery.

Following is the musical program given last Sunday at the Methodist church under the direction of Miss Piddington, chorister:

Offertoire, Ambrois Thomas
Hark, the Herald Angels Sing, Finlay Lyon
Hymn.
Apostles Creed.
Prayer, Lord's Prayer.
Hail, the King! W. H. Pontius
Responsive reading.
Gloria.
Scripture reading.
Notices, Collection.
Offertory, Th. Salomi
Hymn.
Sermon.
Hymn.
Doxology.
Marche Celibre from Orchestral Suite: Lachmer

Evening at 6.15.

Recital by Miss Piddington, for fifteen minutes.

"Triumphal March," Dudley Buck, Op. 26
"Offertoire," Lefebre-Wely
"Improvisation" in "F", Scotson Clark
Festal March by Clark.

Sunday school concert with auxiliary and psalms by Sunday school, and recitations.

The tree exercises of the Methodist church was held Monday night and consisted of the following features:

Singing. School
Invocation. Pastor
Recitation. Mabel Matheson
Recitation. Edith Danforth
Exercise. Edith Gile, Arthur Tufts
Song. Primary scholars
Reading. Miss Amanda Reed
Recitation. Florence Tracy
Declamation. Bernard Bodell
Declamation. James Brierly
Recitation. Marian Matheson
Recitation. Susie McBride
Reading. Grace Cheney
Declamation. James Bamford
Christmas exercises Nine boys

After the program two shapely trees gave up their freight of gifts to the members of the school and with arms full and hearts throbbing with pleasure the little ones sought their homes, thinking their Christmas a merry one. The committee of arrangements consisted of Mrs. Tufts, Miss Lizzie Hayes, Miss Mabel Jenness. Tree committee, Benjamin Hayes, Charles Hinxman, James Peel.

A brief entertainment was held at the Congregational church Monday night, which included these features:

Acrostic, "Merry Christmas," Class of girls and boys
Recitation, Muriel Rundlett, Ethel Page Myra Kelley, Mildred Ellis, Ruth Hamilton.
Reading, "A Christmas Story," Miss Annie Sargent
Recitation, Lena Smith
Exercise by boys.
Santa Claus' Reindeer, Mason Kent, Winslow Stowers, Hugh Stewart.
Chorus by children.

After the presentation of the songs and stories by the participants, to a musical accompaniment by Miss Carrie Holt, the various classes filed by the handsome tree and received the gifts in store for them. The decorations were very artistic and included designs in evergreen, laurel, holly and other greenery effectively placed. Miss Currier had charge of the program and Mr. Hathorn conducted the details.

Under the direction of F. D. Foster, chorister and organist, the following musical program was excellently rendered at Christmas service Sunday morning:

Organ Prelude, Wely, Modern Organist, No. 5
Nazareth, Gounod
Psalm 11, Plain chant responsive.
Gloria, Holden
"Brightese and Best of the Sons of the Morning," Schnecker
Misses Sanborn, Sargent, Mr. Bassett, Dr. Smith and Chorus.
Sanctus, Gounod
Mr. Gibson and Chorus.
"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," Sullivan
"The Race that Long in Darkness Pined," Lowell Mason
Organ Postlude, Selection from Handel's Messiah, "O Thou that Tellest."

At the Neighborhood gathering at Trimount Valley Farm, the home of Daniel A. Carleton, Friday evening the following program was given under the direction of Miss Emily F. Carleton:

Essay: "Origin of the Proverbs," E. F. Carleton.
"A Stitch in Time, Saves Nine." M. A. Berry.
Reading, "The Enchanted Shirt," D. H. Carleton.
"The Way It Goes," E. M. Oates.
Essay: "A New Broom Sweeps Clean," D. M. Farnum.
Song, "We'd Better Bide a Wee," C. A. Kydd.
Reading, "Papa and Rosie and Me," Mabel Fuller.
Talk: "Physician, Heal Thyself," Rev. C. Noyes.
Dialogue "Christmas Slippers."

There was a large attendance of "neighbors" and the exercises were enjoyed by all.

Miss Elizabeth Ann Johnson, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Johnson, became the bride of William Doherty of Boston, by a pretty service held in St. Michael's church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Fr. Cronley was the officiating clergyman. A gown of silver grey worsted trimmed with white satin and chiffon, was the becoming dress of the bride. She carried bride roses. Miss Mary E. Johnson, a sister was maid of honor and her gown of darker shade was similar to that of the bride. She carried a cluster of pink carnations. Frank Hayes of Lawrence, was the groomsman. Student Charles Johnson of Dartmouth college, a brother of the bride and Charles McNiff were ushers. Following the church rite and during the hours of 5 and 10 o'clock, a reception attended by some hundred or more guests, was a most pleasing incident of the occasion at the home of the bride's parents, corner of East Water and Clarendon streets. Mr. and Mrs. Doherty received the well wishes and congratulatory messages of friends, and later a wedding feast was served by Caterer Remmes. Donning a travelling suit of blue the bride was ready for the 9.30 Boston train. The couple left the house amid a shower of rice and the storm ceased only when the bridal train gathered such headway that the agreeable (?) tormentors were inspired to leave the platform. A host of valuable and seasonable gifts were conferred upon the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Doherty went directly to their residence in South Boston and will be "at home" to friends early in the New Year at 12 Boston street.

A cart loaded with several tons of stone broke down on town house hill Wednesday. The weight broke an axle and wheel. The property belonged to Edward Adams.

E. S. Colby is distributing New Year calendars among his patrons. The cut represents the town pumping plant. He is also distributing calendars representing the various insurance agencies of which he is the authorized agent.

Cards announce that Miss Edith Brown of Gloucester will become Mrs. William McQueston, Monday, Jan. 8. The ceremony by which the decision will ripen into a fact, will occur at the home of the parents of the bride-elect.

The Good Templars are taking steps to secure some kind of enforcement of the liquor laws which during the past year, have apparently been absolutely disregarded and flagrantly violated. At the last meeting one member was admitted to membership and eight applications received.

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The Special Town Meeting

Concerning the article in the town warrant to be acted upon at the special town meeting called for Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock, viz: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Sect. 332 of Chap. 548 of the acts of 1898, said section reading as follows: "In towns which vote to accept the provisions of this section or have voted to accept the corresponding provisions of earlier laws, there shall be elected at the annual meeting a highway surveyor who shall hold office for one year. Upon the election of such surveyor the office of road commissioner shall terminate," there is a principle involved, worthy of serious consideration. It is for the individual voter to determine at that time whether he can trust to his own intelligence sufficiently to express or declare his own preference by direct vote, for the man who is to have absolute charge of the highway department, or, if the matter of personal choice in regard to the voting for this functionary, shall be waived, and thus depend upon the fancy of the selectmen who shall exercise the power of appointment. In short it means whether a voter shall vote for the man of his choice, or if in a place where two or three men (it may be more, it may be less intelligent than himself) shall be gathered together, a person of their selection shall of necessity become his own. Can a man vote himself as well as someone else can do it for him? The answer to this question three years ago was emphatically "no," at that time there being only two voters in the town who had sufficient confidence in an election by the people to vote "yes." Now the the ardent supporters of the pet scheme of "appointment" who threw away their right of individual suffrage, appear the most earnest to reclaim it. The most touching argument which was advanced at the time, why the selectmen should be given the power of "making up the people's minds," was that the office would then be removed from politics. A fair statement is, that never before the appointive system came into effect, were the offices of superintendent of streets and of selectmen plunged deeper into the baser and trickier elements of politics. Politics absolutely: In the morning at dawn at noon, under the trees by the roadside in the summer, and in the snowdrifts in winter, and politics all night, throughout the year. This was not the prophecy of the promoters, it is only the result of the experience.

The appointive method has been tried, it has proven an unmitigated failure; it has also been a fair success, which it was, depended upon the men in office. Under this system, lack of intelligence in the selectmen would handicap the most model superintendent, as he would be nothing but a puppet or a scapegoat for the board. Dependent upon them for the office, he must submit to their dictation and cannot do otherwise than cater to the plane of their intelligence. In matters of incompetency there has been no fixing of responsibility and questions simmer down to pot and kettle arguments, and the people are none the wiser. Under the proposed plan politics in the case is just what the people make it. They are directly responsible for the nomination of candidates, the election of the man, and he without shuffling or squirming, or backing or filling is directly responsible to them for his acts. Every qualified voter has a chance for the office and once a year the voters may call their servant directly to account, without striking over the shoulder of go-betweens.

The underlying principle of popular vote appears to be fair. What motives now inspire the change of tactics however—the inner motives—of course only the prime movers know. It has been suggested that the apparent fairness of the measure is used as a mask behind which lurks the elements of disappointment, spite, revenge, self interest and kindred motives.

The question affects every voter and the various phases should be well considered. Having determined what is just and fair, the sincerity of the purpose and of the actual promoters, let the question be settled by a vote by ballot, "yes" or "no."

James C. Poor is building an ice house on Riverview farm.

Officer Pinkham has been visiting relatives in Ashmont.

Master Russell Bishop, who has been quite ill recently, is recovering.

Mrs. N. P. Frye and son James, are visiting relatives in Milford, N. H.

Miss Alice Jewett of Bridgewater Normal school is visiting her parents.

Miss Sadie Holland is spending the winter with relatives in West Pembroke, Maine.

Hundreds of enthusiastic young skaters are venturing upon thin ice in pursuit of their sport.

Clifton Carney, was remembered with a generous Christmas token by his employers in Boston.

Mrs. Bly of Eustis, Me., and son Edward Bly of Haverhill, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John O. Loring.

Miss Laura A. Bailey is spending the Christmas recess with relatives in Charlestown, Cambridge and Reading.

The anniversary of the Burns club occurs Jan. 19. There will be a conveyance to Andover after the exercises and a car will also run to the Centre and Lawrence.

An exceptionally pleasing meeting of the Burns club was held last evening, under the direction of the president. Abundant refreshments were served at intermission, and were furnished by President Craig as a treat to his associates. The hall was prettily festooned with national colors. Many visitors were present.